

Kuwaiti Airways plane hijacked

BEIRUT (R) — Gunmen hijacked a Kuwaiti airliner on the tarmac at Beirut airport Wednesday and reports from the scene said there had been gunfire. But it was not immediately clear exactly what had happened. A correspondent of Beirut Radio said he could not approach the Kuwaiti Airways plane "because of shooting" and later reported that the hijackers, who the radio identified as supporters of a Shi'ite Muslim leader who vanished mysteriously in 1978, had fired two shots at the control tower. Beirut Radio said there were 105 passengers on board the plane and leftist sources said they included the secretary-general of the Lebanese Communist Party, George Hawi.

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Hassan, Sarvath arrive in Pakistan

LAHORE, Pakistan (R) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath arrived Wednesday from India for an eight-day visit to Pakistan. They were received at Lahore airport by President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq and his wife. President Zia and Crown Prince Hassan are to discuss bilateral relations and review the international situation during the visit.

Abu 'Ein moved to Ramleh Prison

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Israeli occupation authorities transferred Palestinian youth Ziad Abu 'Ein from the Russian Compound prison in Jerusalem to the Ramleh Prison some weeks ago without giving any reason for this action. Al Ra'i newspaper reported Wednesday. The United States authorities extradited Mr. Abu 'Ein to Israel in December, 1981 after a two-year detention in U.S. prisons on charges of detonating a bomb in Tiberias in May, 1979. Mr. Abu 'Ein's lawyers are currently preparing a case for his trial which will take place in the Tel Aviv central court in April. The trial is expected to last for six days, Al Ra'i said.

U.N. cancels meeting on force

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The U.N. Security Council cancelled a scheduled meeting Wednesday on a proposal to increase the size of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) by 1,000 men. No new date was immediately set for a resumption of the debate, which began on Tuesday. Informed sources said the Security Council was still having difficulty reaching agreement on a resolution to strengthen the 6,000-strong U.N. force, drawn from 11 nations and set up in 1978 following an Israeli drive against Palestinian commandos in southern Lebanon.

India meeting ends

NEW DELHI (R) — Officials of 44 developing countries ended a three-day conference Wednesday with a call for new efforts to reach agreement on the early launching of global negotiations between developing and industrialised nations. The meeting, held at the initiative of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, also agreed unanimously on the need for greater political will to accelerate the pace of cooperation between developing countries, the final conference document said.

Grenade thrown at Arab home in Hebron

TEL AVIV (A.P.) — For the second time in a month, a hand grenade was hurled Wednesday at the home of an Arab family in the Israeli-occupied West Bank town of Hebron, the military command said. The grenade exploded near the window of the Dahana family's house, which borders the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba, the command said. According to the state television, Jews in Kiryat Arba have wanted land adjoining the home of the Dahana family to be included as part of their township.

Marcos denies meeting plans

MANILA (R) — Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos said Wednesday he had no plans to meet any Filipino Muslim rebel leader during his forthcoming visit to Saudi Arabia. "Any speculation on the meeting of the president with any personality in Saudi Arabia is offensive both to the government of the Philippines and Saudi Arabia," a presidential palace statement said. The statement cited Islamic Affairs Minister Ronaldo Espaldon for telling foreign correspondents on Tuesday that a meeting was possible between the president and Muslim separatist leader, Nur Misuari. He is chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front, which has been fighting for self-rule in the southern Philippines.

Jordan Times

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جوردان تايمز يومية سياسية مستقلة عن المؤسسة الصحفية الأردنية "الرأي"

Jordan denies Israeli allegations

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Wednesday denied it ordered all Syrian diplomats out of the country. A senior Foreign Ministry official told the Jordan Times the Jordanian government "a few days ago" asked the Syrian government to withdraw Col. Mufted Habib, the Syrian military attaché here, but gave no reasons. He said Jordan's assistant military attaché in Damascus returned home a few days ago. He accused Radio Israel, which on Tuesday said Jordan had expelled all Syrian diplomats here, of "distortion of the facts."

GCC agrees to knit closer defence ties

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia and five other Arab Gulf states, perceiving threats from Iran, decided Wednesday to forge closer defence relations through a collective security pact.

The agreement was announced in a press statement after a two-day conference of interior ministers of the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states — Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The Saudi Press Agency said the conference in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, also gave full support to Bahrain which, the statement said, presented documents concerning an Iran plot against Bahrain.

Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef bin Abdul Aziz earlier said the conference would discuss what he termed real threats from fundamentalist revolutionary Iran to the stability of the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

The council was formed last May in response to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, the Iranian revolution and the Iraq-Iran war.

Saudi Arabia, saying it and the other Gulf states were also the targets, rushed to Bahrain's aid by concluding a security cooperation agreement. It also signed similar pacts with Qatar, Oman and the UAE this week.

The sixth member, Kuwait, has not concluded an accord with Saudi Arabia, but the Saudi interior minister has said it will sign one in the near future.

The agreement with Kuwait would pave the way for the collective security pact.

The press statement said a draft agreement would be drawn up by experts and submitted to the interior ministers at their next meeting in October.

Before Wednesday's final session Saudi Arabia, the richest and militarily the most powerful of the group, mounted a display by F-15 fighter planes purchased from the United States.

The first batch of the 62 aircraft was flown to Riyadh by Saudi pilots last month.

F-15s in 3 months

Furthermore, Saudi Arabia hopes to take delivery in three months of all 62 fighters Defence Minister Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz said on Wednesday.

Prince Sultan was quoted by the Saudi Press Agency as saying after an air display at King Faisal's air academy in Riyadh that Saudis were capable of handling advanced technology.

Jordan protests Eurocouncil's move

AMMAN (Petra) — Ambassadors and representatives of European countries accredited to Jordan were summoned to the Foreign Ministry Wednesday where they met with Director of the ministry's Political Department Tayseer Touqan.

Mr. Touqan explained to the envoys Jordan's deep concern over the projected meeting in Jerusalem in May of the Council of Europe's Political Committee.

He drew the envoys' attention to the negative consequences and adverse effects on Euro-Arab relations that would result from such a meeting.

"Such a meeting is simply an encouragement for Israel to pursue its aggressive and expansionist policies," he said.

Mr. Touqan also said the meeting would be a clear violation of U.N. Security Council resolution number 478, as well as

other council and U.N. General Assembly resolutions which regarded Israel's decision to annex Jerusalem, as null and void," Mr. Touqan said.

Mr. Touqan handed the envoys copies of a statement on the subject issued by the Upper House of Parliament on Feb. 22 and requested them to convey the message to their governments.

Reagan unveils plan for Caribbean

WASHINGTON (A.P.) — President Ronald Reagan unveiled his long-awaited plan for Caribbean basin development Wednesday, coupling it with a warning that the United States is prepared to do "whatever is prudent and necessary" to protect its security interests in the area.

In a speech to the Organisation of American States, Mr. Reagan outlined a programme of trade, aid and investment for the Caribbean-Central American region, which he said is under "economic siege" because of deteriorating terms of trade.

The economic hardships "have provided a fresh opening to the enemies of freedom, national independence and peaceful development," he said.

If the United States does not act

promptly in defence of freedom "new Cubas will arise from the ruins of today's conflicts," Mr. Reagan said in his prepared remarks.

Reagan denounced the Soviet-backed, Cuban-managed support for violent revolution in Central America and said he will ask Congress for increased security assistance for friendly countries of the area.

He also noted that the Rio treaty of the Organisation of American States (OAS) provides for reciprocal defence responsibilities. Until now, the administration has shied away from utilising OAS mechanisms for bringing peace to Central America.

Discussing his development plan, Mr. Reagan said it will be centred on his proposal for free

trade for Caribbean products exported to the United States.

He suggested these products be accorded duty free status for a 12-year period as an inducement for investment in the region.

The only exception to the free trade concept will be textile and apparel products because these are governed by other international agreements, Mr. Reagan said.

The president also proposed a 1982 fiscal year appropriation of \$350 million to assist countries which have been hard hit economically. Officials have said the funds would be concentrated on six countries suffering short-term balance of payments problems: El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Belize, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic.

Mitterrand-Schmidt summit opens

PARIS (A.P.) — The leaders of France and West Germany began a two-day summit meeting Wednesday in the hope they can develop a united front on high U.S. interest rates and a crisis in the European Common Market.

The damaging effect high U.S. interest rates have had on European economies and the future of the troubled European Common Market will be the focus of the meeting between French President Francois Mitterrand and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

"We need as broad as possible—I hope, complete—unity against the economic and currency policies of the United States," Mr. Mitterrand said in an interview on German television on eve of the 39th Franco-West German Summit.

Mr. Schmidt echoed his sentiments.

Concerning the 10-nation Common Market crisis, the two leaders want to find similar ground in dealing with what they perceive as Britain's failure to compromise on its financial contributions.

Begin gets tepid response to offer of coalition with Labour

TEL AVIV (A.P.) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin Wednesday revived his offer of a coalition government with the opposition Labour Party, but Labour indicated no enthusiasm for the idea.

Most political observers believe there is little chance for Labour to join Mr. Begin, but the possibility has received a wave of public comment recently as some signs of strain started to show in Mr. Begin's slender coalition.

His Likud bloc and three small coalition partners have only 61 or 120 seats in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and Mr. Begin could lose his majority if one of the partners bolted in a dispute over policy.

Mr. Begin mentioned the so-called "national unity" coalition in a letter to Labour Party leader

Shimon Peres that chided Labour for refusing Mr. Begin's suggestion of a bipartisan information campaign. Mr. Begin had invited Labour to join Likud Knesset members to go to the United States to explain Israel's objections to U.S. arms sales to Jordan.

Labour refused the suggestion, saying it would be tantamount to a decision to join a national unity coalition.

In a "dear Shimon" letter, Mr. Begin said Labour had nothing to fear from a national unity coalition. "I have suggested, and I suggest again the setting up of a national unity government," Mr. Begin wrote, according to a text broadcast on Israel Radio.

The prime minister cited Labour's support of the Camp David accords and said "we can work together" during the five-

year transition period envisioned in the Camp David accords for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Mr. Peres made no immediate comment.

Labour's Abba Eban, the former foreign minister, said he personally opposed the idea. "What the head of government is asking is for the opposition to self-destruct," Mr. Eban said on Israel Radio.

Labour itself has internal problems and its leftist Mapam wing says it would bolt Labour if the party joined Mr. Begin.

Labour's 48 Knesset seats would give Mr. Begin a huge majority. Such wide governments have been formed in Israel in the past during wartime or postwar emergencies, but not in peacetime.



His Majesty King Hussein and North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh review a guard of honour at Amman Airport Wednesday, upon Col. Saleh's arrival for a 24-hour visit to Jordan. (Petra photo)

No shift in Jordan's stance

WASHINGTON (Petra) — Jordan's decision to purchase Soviet arms by no means constitutes a political shift in the country's stand, Jordan's Ambassador to the U.S. Abdul Hadi Al Majali was quoted as saying Tuesday night.

Speaking on television, Mr. Majali said Jordan regards Israel as the major source of danger to its security. The U.S. has supplied Israel with large and unbelievably huge amounts of arms, and therefore Israel should stop putting obstacles in the way of America's signing of defence pacts with Arab states.

Jordan, the ambassador said, seeks to develop its defence system in order to protect itself against

any attacks by Israel or other countries. "We will not launch an attack against anyone," the ambassador stressed.

Missiles which Jordan bought from the Soviet Union are not considered sufficient for the country's defence and therefore the Jordanian government has opened negotiations with the United States to acquire additional weapons, Mr. Majali said.

He added that Jordan has so far placed no requests for purchasing U.S.-made Hawk missiles or F-16 fighter planes, but the subject is bound to come up for discussion at the semi-annual meeting of the U.S.-Jordanian military committee which is due to convene in April of this year.

Beirut bombing spree goes on

BEIRUT (Agencies) — An office of the Lebanese Arab Army in West Beirut was damaged by an explosion Wednesday morning, security sources said.

Two car bombs exploded in a nearby area on Tuesday, killing 12 people and wounding over 60. Two organisations, apparently anti-Syrian and anti-Palestinian, claimed responsibility.

The Lebanese Arab Army, led by Capt. Ahmed Al Khatib, split from the Lebanese army during the 1975-76 civil war and fought on the joint leftist-Palestinian side.

Beirut Radio said there were no casualties in Wednesday morning's explosion at the Lebanese Arab Army office.

Meanwhile, at the scene of Tuesday's explosions in the once elegant Rauche neighbourhood, the string of shanty-like, tin-and-wood shops that make up the Rauche bazaar were shattered.

Gunmen firing automatic weapons into the air carefully screened motorists.

The bazaar closed in observance of those who died in the Tuesday detonations. A few shopkeepers were picking through charred ruins or already at work rebuilding their stores.

Wazzan in UAE

ABU DHABI (R) — Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan began talks with United Arab Emirates leaders Wednesday soon after arriving on the third leg of a Gulf tour.

Mr. Wazzan has been to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, where well informed sources said he asked Arab countries to fulfil aid pledges to Lebanon. He also discussed ways of ending the seven-year-old Lebanese civil strife, the sources said.

Hussein, Saleh renew call for Arab solidarity

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan and North Yemen on Wednesday stressed the need for strengthening joint Arab action and enhancing "effective and positive solidarity" in the Arab World.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said His Majesty King Hussein and North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who arrived here Wednesday for a 24-hour visit at the invitation of the Jordanian government, "assessed all aspects of the Arab position, reviewed current developments in the Arab and international arenas and analysed the dimensions and motives of the challenges that confront the Arab Nation."

The two sides stressed the "importance of strengthening joint Arab action and enhancing effective and positive solidarity and strict adherence to national principles and higher Arab interests," Petra reported on the meeting between the two leaders, held at the Royal Court.

The two leaders, who first met alone and were later joined by their aides, also discussed "means of bolstering bilateral relations and cooperation in all fields between the two countries," the agency said.

The meeting was attended on the Jordanian side by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash, Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibi Shaker, Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, and Transport Minister Ali Suheimat.

The North Yemeni side included Foreign Minister Ali Lutf Al Thor, Minister of Development Qaid Mohammad, the assistant commander-in-chief of North Yemen's armed forces, Col. Ali Saleh, the deputy army chief of staff, Col. Ali Mohammad Saleh, North Yemeni Ambassador to Jordan Ali Abdullah Abu Luhum and Director General of the Foreign Ministry's political department Ahmad Al Iryani.

Col. Saleh, who is on an Arab tour, arrived here from Bahrain after a two-day visit. He has already visited Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Oman. He flies Thursday to Baghdad and will later visit Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Upon arrival in Amman, Col. Saleh was accorded an official welcome at the airport in which King Hussein, the prime minister and other senior government off-

icials and high ranking army officers took part.

Heads of diplomatic missions were also present at the airport to greet the president.

In a statement to Petra upon arrival, Col. Saleh said he will discuss with King Hussein the most effective means to end Arab differences and restore unity of ranks to the Arab Nation.

"Only in this way can the Arab Nation pool its capabilities and mobilize its resources to confront Israeli aggression against Arab land and the Arabs as a whole," Petra quoted Mr. Saleh as saying.

Israel, he said, does not differentiate between far or near targets and the entire Arab homeland is the target of Israeli aggression.

"Israel's arrogance comes as a result of the weak Arab stand and in view of continued divisions among Arabs and differences among their ranks," Col. Saleh said.

He added that his visit here "affords an important opportunity for talks with King Hussein and Jordanian officials on the best means to develop bilateral relations so that the interests of both countries can best be served."

16 Jordanians killed in Abha floods

AMMAN (J.T.) — Sixteen Jordanians died in last week's flash floods in southern Saudi Arabia, the Foreign Ministry here announced Wednesday.

It said the Jordanian embassy in Jeddah had received information from a Jordanian citizen working in the (stricken) Abha region that Khairuddin Salem, an employee of the Ben Laden group of companies, his wife and seven children were killed in the torrent

created by unprecedented storms in the subtropical region. The Salems have an eighth child, who was not with the family when it was hit by the flood. The family is thought to have been travelling on the 100-kilometre Abha-Jizan road, which was washed away. Only Mr. Salem's body and that of one of the children were found, it added.

Ghaleen Ghalban, a teacher

from Khan Yunis who works in Hail, survived the deluge, but his wife and four children drowned in the spate, the Foreign Ministry said.

Rabiha Mohammad Toufiq and Mohammad Musa Jawhari, both from the Balata refugee camp outside Nablus, were also among the victims. Rabiha's body was flown home Monday, the ministry said.

Qadhafi, Bourguiba meet

TUNIS (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi and Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba met Wednesday for the first meeting since they quarrelled over the abortive merger of the two countries eight years ago.

The meeting in the presidential palace lasted only 90 minutes and this included a lunch given by Mr. Bourguiba.

It was not clear whether Col. Qadhafi had returned the document signed on the Tunisian island of Jerba in 1974 as President Bourguiba had demanded.

Informed Tunisian sources said Mr. Bourguiba had insisted on this as a condition before agreeing to Col. Qadhafi's request to visit Tunis.

The agreement had proclaimed that Tunisia and Libya would form an Islamic Arab Republic with one army, one constitution, and one flag. Mr. Bourguiba would have been president and Col. Qadhafi vice-president.

Mr. Bourguiba, 78 and Tunisia's president-for-life, reneged on the agreement shortly after he signed it, saying he had been misled by his pro-Libyan Foreign Minister Mohammad Masmoudi.

Col. Qadhafi's arrival, flanked by pistol-packing teenagers in battle dress, threw the Tunisian authorities into confusion and led to at least one clash over security.

The colonel's girl guards were let through the security cordon around the presidential palace only after a 15-minute shouting match.

Although an official guest of Tunisia, the Libyan leader has kept officials waiting until the last minute before informing them of his plans.

He crossed the border at Ras Jedir on Tuesday and drove to Sfax where he lunched with Tunisian Prime Minister Mohammed Mzali.

Col. Qadhafi later went to Mr. Bourguiba's home town of Monastir, where he spent the night although he had been expected in Tunis.

Wednesday he drove to Sousse where he boarded a train for the capital, accompanied by nearly all of Tunisia's ministers. Hundreds of people gathered to watch him arrive but appeared more curious than enthusiastic.

Ali, Shamir wrangle over Palestinian self-determination

CAIRO (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in a blunt exchange with the Egyptian foreign minister, has ruled out discussion of self-determination in current talks on Palestinian "autonomy" Egyptian officials said Wednesday.

They quoted Mr. Shamir as saying at a luncheon on Tuesday after talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali: "We must concentrate on topics dealing with the transition period during the (Palestinian) autonomy negotiations. To achieve progress, we must not deal with future status, and accordingly self-determination which would lead to the creation of a state is ruled out."

Egypt argues that the Camp David accords it signed with Israel mean the eventual creation of a Palestinian state, while Israel says only limited autonomy is envisaged in the accords.

"The Camp David accords call for the solution of the problem of Palestinian Arabs living in Judaea and Samaria (the West Bank) and the Gaza Strip, but not for the creation of a new Palestinian state," Mr. Shamir added.

Mr. Ali, according to the officials, retorted "you have revealed topics we discussed during a closed session," and Mr. Shamir replied "but this is part of the autonomy negotiations."

The semi-official newspaper Al Ahran said Mr. Shamir, who arrived here on Monday, had argued that Palestinians should be granted autonomy similar to the limited self-rule enjoyed by southern Sudan.

The Israeli minister is spending Wednesday in southern Egypt at Luxor and Aswan, and meets President Hosni Mubarak on Thursday.

Among the topics Mr. Shamir is scheduled to discuss during his visit here is his country's withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula, due to be completed before April 26.

Libya-Tunisia dispute settled

THE HAGUE (R) — The International Court of Justice made what court sources described as a compromise judgment Wednesday in a dispute between Libya and Tunisia over their sea boundaries.

Judges in the four-year-old dispute voted 10-4 to approve a verdict which left the two countries' oil concessions unchanged but according to Tunisian sources deprived Tunisia of some of its traditional fishing grounds.

Israelis debate 'distortion' of image

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — The Knesset (parliament) was told on Tuesday night Israel's image abroad was being distorted as a result of submission to Arab "terror" by Western newsmen in Lebanon and Syria.

"A long chain of acts of terror, intimidation and blackmail has led to a state of near-terror in which Western journalists live and work in Lebanon and Syria... in the course of which Israel is presented in the Western media in a twisted and distorted fashion," Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee Chairman Eliahu Ben-Elissar said.

"All this is the result of submission to Arab terror," he added. The debate, on what was termed "media submission to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Syrian terror," was called after the director of the government press office, Zeev Chafets, last week said major Western media were twisting reports in favour of the Arabs because of terrorist threats to correspondents.

Mr. Chafets had levelled his accusations against the U.S. television network ABC, the newspapers the New York Times and Washington Post and other media.

Mr. Chafets said ABC had produced a "malicious and distorted" programme on the Israeli occupation of the West Bank following the murder of its correspondent in Beirut.

The issue was passed for debate in the security and foreign affairs committee.

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Cement company gets JD 9m loan

AMMAN (J.T.) — An agreement for a JD 9 million syndicated loan was signed here Wednesday to finance the sixth kiln expansion project of the Jordan Cement Factories Company Ltd. (JCFC).

The agreement is part of a package which will also include a JD 6 million bond issue. The Arab Bank is lead manager for the entire package, which is guaranteed by the Jordanian government. The agreement was signed at the Arab Bank by Mr. Munzer Fahoum, the bank's assistant general manager,

and JCFC Director General Shawkat Al Subul. It was also signed by a representative of the Central Bank and representatives of banks participating in the loan.

The total cost of the sixth kiln expansion project at the Fuheis portland cement plant is JD 41 million, according to Mr. Subul. The project is being carried out by the Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan, he said. Expected to start production by the end of this year, it will have an estimated production capacity of one million

tonnes annually, which will eventually make Jordan self-sufficient in cement.

Malhas due in Sanaa for ministers' meet

AMMAN (Petra) — Health Minister Zuhair Malhas is due to leave for Sanaa, North Yemen on Sunday to take part in the seventh meeting of the Arab health ministers' council, due to start on Monday.

During its four day meeting, the council will discuss 29 subjects that include among others health conditions of Arabs in the Israeli-occupied territories, and Arab efforts to transfer the regional office of the World Health Organisation from Alexandria to Amman.

On the agenda are also such subjects as the establishment of an Arab centre for protection against radioactivity and radioactive substances, combating animal diseases that can be transmitted to human beings and a strategy for the Arab health ministers' council. Dr. Malhas will be accompanied by a three-member delegation.

Seminar looks at quality of King Talal Dam waters

By Samira Kassar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The second session of the six-part Interdisciplinary Water Seminar sponsored by the University of Jordan's Geology and Mineral Sciences Department was held at the University of Jordan on Wednesday morning. Fifty participants from the university, the Jordan Valley Authority, the Water Supply Corporation (WSC) and the Royal Scientific Society listened to and discussed three presentations relating to the seminar's main theme of Pollution of the King Talal Reservoir and its Catchment.

WSC Director General Sa'id Bino, who chaired today's session, gave a short welcoming address, in which he pointed out that the WSC had considered the King Talal Dam a prospective source that would have provided the Amman area with 90 million cubic metres of water a year. Such plans had been suspended, as doubts had arisen about the purity of the water behind the King Talal Dam. Mr. Bino said. Hence Wednesday's seminar was considered to be of great relevance, he added. Dr. Fuad Hashweh, assistant

professor at the university's Biology Department, delivered the first presentation, on The Effects of Pollutants on the Biology of Surface Waters in the Catchment Area of the King Talal Dam. The presentation concentrated on pollution in the Zarqa River, which is the largest contributor to the waters in the catchment area, and the relation of pollution to the biology of the catchment area; along with the concomitant changes in the water's quality over the past four years.

Dr. Hashweh's findings were based on studies which had been carried out to analyse the microbiology of the water in samples drawn from three points along the river: The Zarqa bridge area, the Sukhneh area and the new Jerash bridge, which was the closest point of the three to the river's point of entry into the catchment area.

He pointed out that the high concentration of population and industries in the Zarqa-Amman area had led to increased levels of organic effluents, particularly phosphates, resulting from the dumping of industrial wastes into the river. He said the water's phosphate content downstream at the Jerash bridge was significantly less than at the Zarqa bridge, although the level of chemical pollutants was high throughout the river, even at the last sampling point at the Jerash bridge. The bacteria content at the Zarqa bridge, where the concentration of chemical pollutants was highest, was 50 times that at the Jerash bridge.

Dr. Hashweh pointed out that the presence of microorganisms indicative of pathogenicity had

been studied. One such organism was vibrio, which is responsible for cholera and which was found to be 745 times more abundant in the Zarqa bridge area than in the Jerash bridge area. In general, Dr. Hashweh pointed out that the abundance of pathogenic microorganisms was significantly less in the Jerash area towards the end of the river, than at the Zarqa bridge area; but that these microorganisms are conspicuously present even towards the river's entry point into the catchment area.

Dr. Hashweh's research also indicated that the water in the catchment area contained several pollutant microorganisms which dominated the aquatic flora, contributing to deterioration in the qualities of the water and leading to clogging of water pipes. As a

result, he said, the lake contained large amounts of algae at various levels of abundance, depending on the depth and temperature of the water in the catchment. This, Dr. Hashweh added, had led to stratification of the water in the catchment.

Regarding the prospects of using water from the King Talal Dam, Dr. Hashweh said this was not feasible, as long as the water entering the catchment area continued to contain high levels of chemical pollutants that would lead to eutrophication—a process which would probably lead in turn to the proliferation of pathogenic microorganisms. The problem could be solved by recycling industrial waste, instead of dumping it in the Zarqa river, he said. Mere treatment of this waste would not

adequately solve the pollution problem in the river, he added.

He also pointed out that the reduced water content of chemical pollutants and microorganisms in the Jerash area, as compared to the Zarqa bridge area upstream, was due to the process of natural self-purification, as the water flowed widely through open, rocky terrain. He suggested that increasing the open area through which the river flows and the planting of bushes along the river banks would further enhance this self-purification process. He called for a ban on the use of the King Talal Dam waters for irrigation.

Dr. Adel Mahasneh, associate professor of biology at the university, presented the second paper, entitled Pollution in the King Talal Reservoir: Microbiological and Chemical Aspects. Reporting on research he had conducted on the waters of the Zarqa River between May 1979 and September 1980, he said that total bacterial counts registered a peak in the period between October and January. Counts of the microorganisms known as coliforms and faecal coliforms—both of which are international indicators of water quality—were made, and these were found to be highest at the inlet of the Zarqa River. Referring to tests that had been conducted to determine the chemical pollutants encouraging bacterial growth in the water flowing into the reservoir, Dr. Mahasneh said that the use of water from the King Talal Dam for human consumption, under the present circumstances, was highly questionable.

Passport Dept. gives '81 totals

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Passport Department grossed about JD 3.7 million in fees in 1981, Al Ra'i newspaper reported Wednesday. It said the fees were charged for processing about 307,000 applications for new permanent and temporary passports, additions and corrections.

The department, its branches inside the kingdom and Jordanian embassies abroad issued 201,853 permanent and 16,535 temporary

passports for West Bank citizens, 4,753 temporary passports for pilgrims and 3,997 passports for Gaza Strip citizens. These departments also issued 2,195 laissez-passer papers for occupied territories citizens, and processed 4,047 passport extension applications, 5,416 single-trip passport applications, 32,934 additions and 34,202 corrections; 437 special passports and 656 citizenship applications, the paper added.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Medical ass'n team to tour West Bank

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation representing the Jordan Medical Association will visit the association's branch in Jerusalem, and all branches in the occupied West Bank, at the end of February. Al Ra'i newspaper reported Wednesday. The delegation will get acquainted with the conditions of doctors and the health situation in the occupied lands, the paper added. The delegation will comprise Dr. Hassan Badran, Dr. Yahya Khreis, Dr. Fathi Abu 'Iqab, Dr. Mamdouh Al Abbadi and Dr. Mahmoud Al Huneidi, who are all members of the association.

Ontario education minister due

AMMAN (Petra) — The minister of education of the Canadian province of Ontario, Dr. Betty Stevenson, will arrive here Sunday on a six-day visit to Jordan. Dr. Stevenson is expected to hold talks with Education Minister Sa'id Al Tal on promoting cooperation between Canada and Jordan in educational spheres. She will also pay visits to a number of educational institutions and archaeological sites, as well as development projects in the Jordan Valley.

Iraq proposes survey of edifices

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Iraqi government has proposed to the government of Jordan that a joint Iraqi-Jordanian committee be set up to survey and assess a number of public and private buildings in the two countries. Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Wednesday. The proposal follows a recent survey of the Iraqi-Jordanian border, the paper added.

Management consultancy course ends

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-week course on the principles and methods of management consultancy ended at the Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences (AOAS) here Wednesday. AOAS Director General Abdullah Al Zoubi distributed diplomas to the participants, who came from 14 Arab states.

Irbid photo exhibition starts Saturday

IRBID (Petra) — An exhibition of photographs depicting ancient and modern Jordanian towns will open at Yarmouk University on Saturday. The exhibition, to be opened by University President Adnan Badran, is organised to mark National Book Week and National Culture Year, 1982. The exhibition, which was to have been opened on Feb. 22, is organised in cooperation between the university and the Department of National Libraries, Documentation and Archives.

ACDIMA chief to attend health conference

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman-based Arab Company for Drug Industries and Medical Appliances (ACDIMA) will take part in the Arab health ministers council meeting due to open in Sana'a on Monday. ACDIMA will be represented at the meeting by Director General Hisham Al Dhaher.

Embezzlers, merchants sentenced

AMMAN (Petra) — Two Jordanians, Marouf Radwan and Abdul Fattah Al Sabah, have been sentenced by the military court to one year and a half in prison at hard labour, and fines of JD 97,687 each. They were found guilty of committing embezzlement in collusion. Seven merchants have been sentenced by the same court to pay JD 60 each, and six others will have to pay JD 70 to JD 200 each, for violating Ministry of Supply regulations. Four of these merchants will have their stores closed for one to two weeks. The military governor Wednesday endorsed the sentences.

U. of J. official due at literacy confab

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan will take part in a conference on eradicating illiteracy in the Arab World which will open in Rabat, Morocco on May 22. The conference, organised by the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALECSO), will draw up an Arab strategy to combat illiteracy. Representing the university at the week-long conference is Dr. Ahmad Abu Hilal, head of the curricula department, who will submit a research paper on illiteracy in Jordan.

Mauritanian minister starts visit

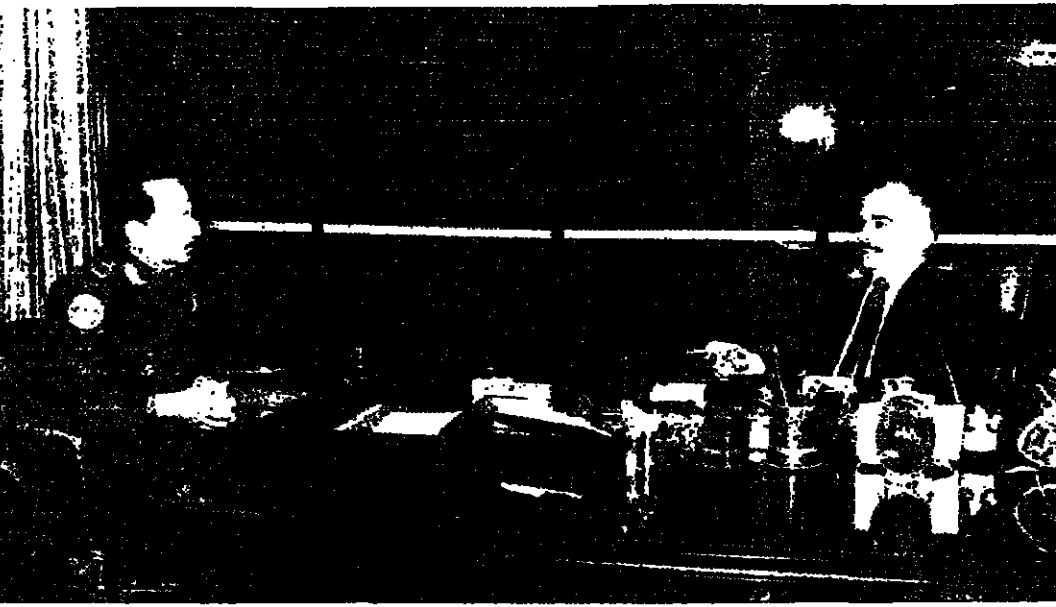
AMMAN (Petra) — Mauritanian Minister of Economy and Finance Dieng Boubou Farba arrived here Wednesday for a three-day visit to Jordan.

He will hold talks with Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) Secretary General Fakhri Qadouri and will sign an agreement covering the CAEU's technical assistance to Mauritania.

The Mauritanian minister will also meet with officials at the Arab Mining Company (Armico) and the Arab Company for Drug Industries and Medical Appliances on the possibility of these companies' participating in mining and pharmaceutical projects in Mauritania.

During his stay here Mr. Farba, who is accompanied by an economic delegation, will be meeting Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour for discussion on trade relations between Jordan and Mauritania.

King calls at military headquarters



AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday visited army headquarters and met with Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, to whom he gave directives

on a number of issues pertaining to the armed forces. Also present were Army Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb, Public Security Director Mohammad Idris and several senior officers.

Cabinet appoints Anani to lead conference team

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will take part in the 10th Arab labour conference which is due to open in Baghdad on March 6, according to a decision taken Wednesday by the cabinet. Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani will lead Jordan's three-member delegation to the conference, which will discuss among other subjects the movement of manpower among Arab states, the application of recommendations and Arab labour agreements, wage policies and vocational training.

The cabinet also decided Wednesday to issue commemorative stamps and special pamphlets on the occasion of the formation of the all-volunteer Yarmouk Force.

Also at its meeting Wednesday the cabinet, which met under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Mudar Badran, appointed Mr. Husni Soubar as mayor of Wadi Seer town, upon a recommendation by Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani.

AWSA to float JD 2m bond issue to finance Azraq-Amman project

AMMAN (J.T.) — The cabinet has approved a JD 2 million bond issue by the Amman Water and Sewerage Authority (AWSA), on condition that AWSA commit itself to repay the instalments and interest on the bonds from its own income. Al Ra'i newspaper reported Wednesday.

The aim of the bond issue is to cover the expenses of establishing the Azraq pumping station, which

will supply Amman and its suburbs with drinking water, the paper added.

Swiss envoy visits Zaben, Suheimat

AMMAN (Petra) — Communications Minister Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben Wednesday conferred with Swiss Ambassador to Jordan Andre-Louis Vallon.

They reviewed cooperation between Jordan and Switzerland in telephone, telegram and postal services, and explored the possibility of exchanging visits by Jordanian and Swiss technicians to look into spheres of cooperation between the two countries in telecommunications and postal affairs. The ambassador expressed his country's desire to promote cooperation between the two countries in these areas.

The meeting was attended by Telecommunications Corporation Director General Mohammad Shahed Ismail.

The Swiss ambassador was also received Wednesday by Transport Minister Ali Suheimat. Discussion at the meeting dealt with bilateral cooperation in various means of transport.

Military consumer corporation opens market



AMMAN (Petra) — Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb opened on Tuesday morning a new commercial market affiliated with the military consumer corporation. The opening of the market is part of the

plan to supply sufficient quantities of foodstuffs and supplies to the families of members of the armed forces. (Petra photo)

Jordanians gather to declare support for Yarmouk Force

MAFRAQ (J.T.) — Mafraq District Wednesday expressed its total support for His Majesty King Hussein's initiative to form the Yarmouk Force to fight alongside Iraq in the Gulf War.

Citizens attending a popular rally held here pledged all support for King Hussein's stand in support of Iraq against the Iranian enemy. A number of citizens announced that they will join the Yarmouk Force, and others offered financial contributions that amounted to JD 40,000. Several committees were set up to coordinate enlistment, and to pursue a campaign to collect further contributions.

Participants in the rally sent a cable to King Hussein pledging their willingness to respond to the call of honour in support of the Iraqi people, and in defence of the Arab Nation. They sent another cable to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Another popular rally was held Wednesday, at Deir Alla in the Jordan Valley. Participants in the rally pledged JD 12,232 in contributions for the Yarmouk Force. They also sent a cable of support to King Hussein and to President Saddam Hussein.

The bedouin tribes of Al Jubur and Bani Sakhr held a rally at the Nuqaira school near Amman, and expressed their support for King Hussein's initiative. Among the participants were Sheikh Jaza Al Ghaithan and his brothers, who offered a 50-dunum tract of land for the Yarmouk Force. The citizens sent a cable of support to King Hussein and President Saddam of Iraq.

The inhabitants of Wadi Musa and Zarqa will hold similar rallies Thursday, and those of Dabouk on Friday.

Meanwhile, the Jordan News Agency, Petra Wednesday published a list of Jordanian individuals and organisations who have offered contributions totalling JD 35,700 for the Yarmouk Force.

Today's Weather

It will be partly cloudy and warmer, with appearance of medium and high clouds. Winds will be southwesterly moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	4	15
Aqaba	9	22
Deserts	3	17
Jordan Valley	12	22

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 13, Aqaba 21. Humidity readings: Amman 73 per cent, Aqaba 36 per cent.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Children's films

* The British Council presents Sammy's Super T-shirt, and a Paddington Bear cartoon, at 6 p.m. on Thursday. Also a children's book exhibition. For parents, two video films: Royal Britain and Heart of England. Refreshments available.

* The Wolf and the Seven Goats, presented by the Goethe Institute for children of the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Exhibition

* A multimedia exhibition of contemporary American art at the American Centre, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday.

Lecture

* Latest Discoveries in Petra, by Dr. Fawzi Zayadin of the Department on Antiquities, at the French Cultural Centre Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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Crossing the line of poverty

By Jawad Ahmad

Looking at the good old days it seems that their appealing romance stems from the ability to distinguish between two opposites. The lines separating them are clear. The wealthy lived in castles while the poor peasants lived in communes. In the industrial era, the rich lived in mansions and the poor dwelled in work-houses and hovels.

Greco, and a host of others, etc., were able to show with gratifying conviction the differences between rich and poor. In these more complicated times, the stratification is less distinct. We are concentrating in our arts on projecting the misery of man and the pressures and strains he has to put up with regardless of his wealth or economic status.

Moreover, the inter-class mobility is so fast that to keep track of it is rather a difficult task. This problem is compounded more and more when social equity has become a goal. Almost all socially-motivated policies suffer from the inability to define its targets and beneficiaries. These attempts at even handedness are failing to please anybody.

Those who try buy their way out of it. Thus tipping the balance to equilibrium is handicapped by the inability to weave a fabric of laws that does not present loopholes. In Jordan we have a difficult time in trying to determine who is the poor. Yet we are putting quite a massive effort at eradicating poverty.

The irony is that poverty is still an animal running incognito. We do not know who the poor are, nor do I believe that the task of defining poverty can bear fruit. Definitions like a minimum wage or a minimum household income are shrouded with doubtful statistical considerations. Incomes accruing to families in Jordan come from many different sources, external and internal; wages and rents, commissions, and moonlighting. Poverty, except in few cases, is almost voluntary. Relative poverty measured in consumption terms is completely another issue.

Oman, G.C.C. upgrade defence

By Ali Mahmoud
 The Associated Press

MUSCAT, OMAN — Arab diplomats and knowledgeable observers say U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger's trip to the Arabian Gulf has helped to sell a strong role for the United States in a new regional defence plan. "To the best of my knowledge, Weinberger's talks with Saudi Arabian Defence Minister Prince Sultan were a complete success," one Gulf-based Arab diplomat said. "He effectively outlined an integrated air defence system, based on American-supplied AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) planes and Hawk missiles."

The same diplomat, who refused to be identified, said the United Arab Emirates was "already seeking Hawk missiles" from the United States. The deal, he added, was awaiting approval from U.A.E. President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

The other aspects of Weinberger's five-day trip to Saudi Arabia and Oman, were formation of a joint military committee with the Saudis and reaffirmation of a pledge from Oman to provide the United States with military facilities in the event of a crisis.

Oman controls the Hormuz straits, the Gulf's oil lane bottleneck to the Indian Ocean. Western diplomatic sources quoted Weinberger as pointing out to the Saudis and the Omanis that since the AWACS will be the focal point of an integrated Gulf defence system, the avowed aim of diversifying the sources of weapons was irrelevant.

Diversification of weapons suppliers was one of the themes of a six-nation Gulf defence ministers meeting held in Saudi Arabia last January 25.

During his visit to Saudi Arabia Weinberger said he finalised details of the sale of five AWACS planes to the Kingdom. The sale was approved by the U.S. Senate last year.

Three AWACS planes are currently on loan to Saudi Arabia, manned jointly with U.S. personnel, pending delivery of the five sophisticated spy planes.

Gulf diplomatic sources confirmed that the AWACS will be the nucleus of a Gulf-wide air defence blanket that is to cover Saudi Arabia and its partners in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) — Kuwait, the U.A.E. Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

If the six states go for U.S.-made Hawk missiles, the lucrative GCC market will be largely closed to Soviet arms exports, especially with a favourable decision awaited next month from the West German government giving green light to the Munich-based, Kraus-Maffei to export ultra-sophisticated Leopard 2 battle tanks to Saudi Arabia.

It may also be closed to French Mirage warplanes, the potential sale of which was discussed in Saudi Arabia before Weinberger's arrival, by French Defence Minister Charles Hernu. France is currently modernising the Saudi navy with a 14-billion-franc deal signed in 1980.

Both Hernu and Weinberger have made statements indicating interest in reported GCC plan to establish a billion-dollar-plus military industries complex.

The theme of "diversification of sources" is still expected to be invoked now and then in an effort to persuade the U.S. into meeting Saudi shopping lists.

The United States maintains a sizeable task force in the Indian Ocean, with about 20 units and an 84,000-ton aircraft carrier. There is also a five-unit U.S. task force in the Gulf waters.

Another ruse

THE ISRAELI Knesset has started discussing what Israeli officials have called "submission to Palestine Liberation Organisation and Syrian terror" in Lebanon and Syria. How interesting. The Israelis contend that Western newsmen have therefore presented a distorted picture of Israel in the Western media. This is an argument that is well worth following up. We wish the parliaments of the Western world would take up the matter, but in a slightly more expanded form that would discuss Israel's influence on the media of the Western world, directly and indirectly. It is perhaps true that a few Western newsmen in Lebanon and Syria have been intimidated at times, due to the state of lawlessness that exists in those countries. Where the gun rules supreme, the pen plays second fiddle. But that is not the full story.

The total issue is the sophisticated Israeli and Zionist manipulation of and influence upon the Western media during the past 50 years. Israeli tactics are more subtle than what individual correspondents may be subjected to in Third World countries in a state of war or internal turmoil. We would love to hear the Western world discuss, for example, the influence of pro-Zionist advertisers on newspapers and magazines in the major cities of Europe and North America. That is what we would call "terror" of the first degree.

The Israelis, as usual, are trying to create a diversionary issue to take the world's attention from the cause of conflict in the Middle East — the unwillingness of the Israeli people to accept the fact that they will have peace only when the Palestinian people can also live in peace in a free and sovereign state of their own. That's the issue. The freedom of the press is, like most issues initiated by Israeli politicians, a ruse. We hope our Western colleagues see through it.

U.S., Israel: A troubled partnership

The mutual values and concerns that have linked America and Israel for 33 years are undeniable.

But the Begin government must understand that U.S. interests encompass all of the Middle East.

By Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

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"I caved"

Last Fall's heated debate over President Reagan's decision to sell AWACS radar planes to Saudi Arabia ended in a hairline victory for the President. But it raised this disturbing question: Is it possible for the United States to maintain its venerable alliance with Israel — and still broaden and diversify its military, diplomatic and commercial ties with the Arab Middle East?

There can be no question that America's strategic interests would be greatly served by: closer ties with Arab states like Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates; the opportunity to win Iraq and Syria away from the Soviet orbit; and greater influence throughout the Islamic world, from Pakistan on the east to Turkey on the north.

The prospects for such improved ties are ripe. There is an inherent anti-communist, anti-Soviet feeling among the moderate Muslim states. But because of their animosity toward Israel — and their perception of an undue Israeli influence on American policy — America has been unable to gain the full benefits from it. Resolution of this dilemma — freeing the United States to exercise its full role in the Arab Middle East while maintaining its commitment to Israel — has become the most formidable international problem facing President Reagan.

That is why America's intimate 33-year-old partnership with Israel has moved into a troubled period, and why public criticism of Israel by U.S. politicians is rising. Sen. Mark Hatfield (R., Ore.), chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, recently charged that Prime Minister Menachem Begin "has moved Israel back toward the jungle in terms of his interpretation of his right to bomb any place at any time."

James Schlesinger, a hardliner on the Vietnam war who served in the Cabinets of three Presidents, has sounded a similar note: "Begin has not merely demonstrated his disdain for his neighbors, with whom Israel must ultimately coexist, he has apparently been indifferent to the substantial embarrassment of Israel's protector, the United States." Says Rep. Pete McCloskey (R., Calif.), a liberal who fought Richard Nixon's 1972 Presidential renomination because of his opposition to the conduct of the Vietnam war, "If Begin is not challenged, I believe the interest of the United States will be seriously hurt. We've got to overcome the tendency of the Jewish community in America to control the actions of Congress."

But the power of the pro-Israel lobby makes this extremely difficult. Writing in Foreign Affairs magazine, Sen. Charles Mathias (R., Md.) noted recently that while most members of Congress genuinely support Israel, "Congressional conviction has been measurably reinforced by the knowledge that political sanctions

The lobby's most muscular arm is the Washington based American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). In 1975, when Secretary of State Henry Kissinger began a "reassessment" of U.S. policy toward Israel, including a reduction in foreign aid, AIPAC mobilised Jewish communities throughout the country behind a letter of protest which was to be signed by members of the Senate. As Mathias recalls: "Seventy-six of us promptly affixed our signatures although no hearings had been held, no debate conducted, nor had the Administration been invited to present its views. One Senator was reported to have candidly expressed a feeling that in fact was widespread: 'The pressure was just too great. I caved.'"

Consider last fall's AWACS dispute. From its offices a block from the Capitol, AIPAC's staff of 30 mobilised against what it called "perhaps the greatest military threat to Israel of the past 30 years." Mass mailings to America's Jewish community brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars to finance the campaign. Delegations of influential citizens — and campaign contributors — besieged Capitol Hill. AIPAC director Thomas A. Dine lined up majorities of both houses — 54 senators, 224 representatives — on letters to Reagan asking that he cancel the sale.

On Oct. 14, when the House took up the resolution disapproving the sale, the issue was never in doubt. The vote against the sale was 301-111, with 108 Republicans siding with the majority. Privately, many lawmakers admitted that they had capitulated to overwhelming pressure. Publicly, Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D., Ill.), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, admitted, "Yes" would have been the right vote. But I didn't want the Jewish groups coming down on me."

Only a desperate counter-offensive by the White House peeled off enough Senators from AIPAC to salvage the AWACS deal on a 52-48 vote. But there can be no disputing the New York Times assessment that AIPAC "spearheads the most powerful, best-run and effective foreign-policy interest group in Washington."

Mighty Arsenal

Supporters of Israel worry about losing American backing if ordinary citizens become aware of just how much American money is sent to Israel year after year to shore up the country's economy, to arm its military, and even to help build new settlements of dubious legality in the occupied Arab-populated West Bank. Although U.S.-government aid did not start to flow in serious quantities until after the Six Day War

of June 1967, in the dozen years ending in June 1980, taxpayers sent Israel just under \$19 billion in grants and loans. With its population of 3,314,000 Jews and 654,000 Arabs, that averages out to almost \$400 a year per capita. Surrounded by Arab countries that, with the exception of Egypt, are either hostile to or sworn enemies of Israel, the Jewish state has used this American munificence to build a mighty arsenal stuffed with awesome weapons: some 750 aircraft, ranging from the F-16 (71 today, with more coming) and the F-15 (25 on hand, more coming) to 210 aging Phantoms and 350 Skyhawks. Two thousand late-model American tanks defend Israel's land borders and scores of Soviet and British tanks, captured in Israel's many wars with the Arabs, are also available. Pentagon authorities believe that Israel today could defeat all its Arab foes combined within a few days — or, if compelled to, wage war for several months without major American resupply.

Israel's declining popularity in the United States derives in large part from its use of these weapons, particularly air power, in a way that critics call indiscriminate, straining U.S. law that forbids American weapons to be employed except for self-defence. Sympathy for Israel's long, valiant battle to gain Arab recognition as a sovereign state still runs high in the United States. But such events as last year's destruction of the Iraqi nuclear reactor in Baghdad, or the bombing of downtown Beirut, are beginning to undermine that sympathy — as reflected in a poll taken last summer by the highly respected firm of Yankelovich, Skelly and White. Commissioned by the American Jewish Committee, researchers interviewed 1,215 Americans whose answers were then compared with those in a 1964 poll conducted by the University of California. The Yankelovich study — incorporating additional data as well — showed a decline from 66 per cent to 51 per cent in public support for the proposition that the "continuation of Israel" is important to the United States.

The official Israeli reaction to U.S. diplomatic efforts to enforce the legal ban on offensive use of American arms is not helping matters. When President Reagan reluctantly put a temporary embargo on F-16s after the Baghdad raid, Israel's former Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zipori raised hackles in Washington with his rebuttal: "The definition of Israel's defence will be decided by Israel's government and not by any other government, no matter how friendly." American policymakers were bothered not so much by the lack of grace in this position (considering the fact that the Baghdad attack was made possible by U.S. warplanes) as by their fear of its effect on Reagan's effort to develop closer ties with moderate Arab states. Every time an Arab is killed outside Israel's borders by American-supplied weapons, it becomes more difficult for Reagan to convince

Paying a price

Sympathy for the embattled Jewish state and animosity for the Arabs seemed almost endemic in the United States until President Anwar Sadat made his bold visit to Israel in 1977 to offer peace. Sadat's standing in American public opinion soared. He made himself an indispensable ally of the United States and, as such, threatened Israel's formerly dominant influence within the American government.

But Sadat paid a price. The longer Israel refused to agree to West Bank autonomy for the 1.3 million Palestinian Arabs, the more vulnerable Sadat became to Arab charges that the Camp David agreement was no more than a separate Israeli-Egyptian peace. Israel's refusal to stop building new settlements and "thickening" existing settlements on the West Bank nourished Arab fears that Sadat had sold out. Much of the blame for intensifying anti-Sadat emotions in the Arab World — and to some extent in Egypt itself — rests on American refusal to warn Israel to stop the new settlements.

Some Middle East diplomats believe that if West Bank autonomy had been pushed by the United States as vigorously as was Israel's withdrawal from the Egyptian Sinai, then Saudi Arabia, Jordan and perhaps other Arab states that want closer ties to the United States would have joined the Camp David peace process. Instead, the West Bank stalemate undercut Sadat, possibly even contributing to his assassination.

The changing mood in the United States today is complemented in Israel itself by critics of the Begin government. Ha'aretz, Israel's most distinguished newspaper, recently attacked Israel's government of the occupied West Bank for contriving a legal loophole to permit expropriation of "tens of thousands of dunums" (a dunum is approximately a quarter acre) of Arab-owned lands.

The editorial ends with biting criticism of the government by a just retired justice of the Israeli supreme court: "We administer

Worst enemies

Growing numbers of Israel's many friends in the United States are concerned that all these forces will undermine the 33-year relationship between the two countries. They hope that Begin and his governing coalition will stop being their own worst enemies and understand that their actions are forcing the United States to take a critical new look at the Israeli connection. They ask Begin to take into account the U.S. need for Arab allies in Reagan's effort to build a defence against Soviet penetration of the Middle East. They ask for more flexibility by Israel in defusing the West Bank time bomb — and for more discrimination in the use of American-made weapons to spare the wrath of Arab friends.

One of America's leading supporters of Israel is industrialist Edgar M. Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress. Writing in the New York Times last October, Bronfman almost pleaded with Begin to take the initiative in seeking peace in Middle East. "Territory and occupation have never been Israel's security. In the long run, strength and secure borders will come only from real autonomy talks and an acceptable solution for the Palestinians. Mr. Begin, for instance, must be prepared to go further than endorsing the idea of Palestinian autonomy. He must be creative, even bold."

The mutual values and mutual interests that support the U.S. relationship with Israel are undeniable. But Israel must understand the breadth of America's interests as a great power, interests that encompass the security of all the Middle East. Improved ties with the Arab states will measurably improve American political strength in that region. And a stronger U.S. position in the Middle East can only enhance the continuing relationship between Israel and her most important ally and benefactor.

— Reader's Digest

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Palestinians deserve more help

AL RA'I: Proceeding with Israeli schemes of aggression and expansion in the West Bank, Ariel Sharon has called on Israeli industrialists to move some of their projects into the occupied West Bank promising to provide them with all facilities.

This trend represents a grave step towards undermining Arab economy in the West Bank in order to make it subservient to Israel's economy. Following the same trend, Israel had prevented West Bank citizens from receiving financial aid from the joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee to improve the industrial sector in the occupied lands. It had also frozen the financial aid provided by the United States Agency for International Development to the West Bank for the improvement of some agricultural and industrial projects. Israel is also causing West Bank farmers a number of problems in order to prevent them from exporting their agricultural products.

Israel is doing its best to undermine the occupied lands' economy so as to force Palestinians to leave their homes in order that Israel may swallow the whole lot in the end. But the fact is that our steadfast people are confronting these Israeli schemes and this necessitates a real Arab action to save the Palestinian economy from collapsing. Therefore, the Arabs must adopt additional measures in fighting their boycott of all Israeli factories that move into the West Bank. They should also find other ways of supporting the West Bank citizens in order to enable them to safeguard the structure of their Arab economy.

A welcome to Saleh

AL DUSTOUR: North Yemeni President Ali Abdallah Saleh arrived in Amman on Monday on an official visit to Jordan during which he will meet with His Majesty King Hussein to exchange views, discuss a number of issues of interest to the Arab Nation and strengthen Arab Solidarity and joint action to confront current events, and Arab and international developments.

President Saleh's visit to Jordan will undoubtedly boost bilateral relations and strengthen the existing cooperation between the two countries in the service of their joint interests, and the goals and vital issues. Jordan has always been eager to carry out its duties towards its Arab brothers and to participate in every step leading to Arab unity. North Yemen, which played a prominent role in Arab history and was the cradle of civilisation in the Arabian peninsula, is also very concerned and is doing its best to strengthen the Arab front.

We welcome President Ali Abdallah Saleh and appreciate his active role and eager concern to establish unity between the two parts of Yemen; we also appreciate his efforts to strengthen his country's relations with the states in this region and his adopting a balanced policy which has achieved security and stability for Yemen.

North Yemen has been the first Arab country to respond to and support King Hussein's initiative and call for supporting Iraq in its war against Iranian aggression. Stemming from its concern to support all Arab brothers, Jordan will do its best to help Yemen to boost its educational, agricultural and industrial progress. We are sure that President Saleh's visit will be fruitful with regard to bilateral relations and cooperation.



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Reagan paddles in his own economic canoe

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan is locked in a stalemate with Congress over his high-deficit federal budget and critics say there is unlikely to be a quick breakthrough unless he retreats on defence spending and taxes.

Congressmen say Mr. Reagan lacks enough support in the U.S. legislature to pass his 1983 budget and his projected 91.5 billion dollar deficit.

Congress says the deficit must be reduced. But Mr. Reagan has said there will be no retreat from his position against cutting defence spending or raising taxes more than the \$10.4 billion he has already proposed for 1983.

The expected record \$99 billion deficit this year and \$91.5 billion deficit in 1983 has worried both the U.S. and international financial communities. They fear the deficits will raise still further already high U.S. interest rates.

There is even anxiety among Mr. Reagan's own Republicans. They refuse to accept Treasury Secretary Donald Regan's assertion that deficits do not cause higher interest rates.

Treasury bill interest rates dropped sharply by more than two percentage points to 12.4 per cent on Monday. But Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker Tuesday urged caution against interpreting one week's fall as a signal for permanent lower rates.

Major U.S. banks Tuesday also reduced their prime rate to 16.5 per cent from 17 per cent.

Mr. Volcker told the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee that spending should be cut \$20 billion more than Mr. Reagan wanted and that taxes should be increased. He said this would reduce deficits and maintain an expected economic recovery this spring.

He also challenged Treasury Secretary Regan's view that high

deficits do not cause high interest rates. "The more government borrows in competition with others, the higher interest rates will be," Mr. Volcker said.

President Reagan has said he would consider other budget proposals from Congress. But he has ruled out more tax increases or defence cuts.

Mr. Reagan has proposed \$56 billion in spending cuts, most of it in social programmes, and selected business tax increases to keep his 1983 deficit under \$92

billion.

But in this congressional election year, Congressmen say privately they are reluctant to make further deep cuts in social programmes which were slashed by \$35 billion last year.

Treasury Secretary Regan suggested Tuesday, however, that the administration was in no rush to change its economic programme.

"By October, if the programme is not working, it is obvious that we may have to look at changes," he said.

British banks lower interest rates by 0.5%

LONDON (R) — British banks Wednesday lowered interest rates by a half percentage point on the heels of similar cuts in U.S. rates earlier this week.

Major banks, led by Barclays, Lloyds and National Westminster, said they were reducing their base lending rate from 14 to 13½ per cent.

The move, which should set a nationwide pattern, will mean similar changes in rates paid on mortgages and other deposits. The announcement sent the pound sterling down on foreign exchange markets and some dealers said that the Bank of England may have intervened to keep it from falling further.

The pound dipped below \$1.83 in brisk trading, a loss in value of about three cents this week.

On Monday, major U.S. banks cut their prime lending rate, the interest rate they charge their best corporate customers, from 17 to 16½ per cent. Other rates have fallen sharply.

But U.S. Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker told Congress Tuesday that one week's decline should not be taken as a signal for permanently lower rates.

The U.S. central banker has echoed fears on Wall Street and among American allies that President Reagan's proposed record \$99 billion budget deficit will keep upward pressure on interest rates as the government squeezes out other borrowers.

Common market finance ministers, alarmed at the impact of high U.S. rates on their own sluggish economies, have been lobbying for a change in what they regard as Washington's go-it-alone economic policies.

The high rates in the United States have caused governments in West Europe and Japan to hesitate before reducing their own domestic rates for fear that their currencies would lose out to the competitive advantages of the dollar, which has remained strong on foreign exchange markets this year.

India may encourage U.S. drilling firms

NEW DELHI (A.P.) — India appears ready to improve terms for foreign oil companies which could encourage American drilling firms to develop fields here, Robert D. Hormats, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, said Wednesday. "I feel (the Indians) are trying to be more accommodating," he said. Mr. Hormats, speaking at the conclusion of the U.S.-Indian economic subcommittee meeting, told a news conference that current negotiations between India and Chevron Overseas Petroleum Inc. would likely reflect changes in official policy here. Chevron is a unit of Standard Oil Co. of California.

"Both sides recognised that energy is a potentially fruitful area for cooperation in support of India's development," said a communique issued at the end of the two-day-long talks. The Indian side did not specify policy changes that would emerge, he said.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market closed lower in reaction to the prime minister's comments Tuesday which dampened hopes of a reflationary budget because the fall in North Sea oil revenue has limited scope for any concessions, dealers said. The half point clearing bank base rate reductions to 13½ per cent had little impact, dealers added, and at 1500 the F.T. index was down 7.9 at 551.1.

Government bonds showed net falls ranging to ¼ point with little resistance noted, dealers said, and losses among equities ranged to 10p. U.S. stocks were mixed and Canadians held steady. ICI ended a net 6p down at 326p ahead of results due Thursday while Plessey, reporting interim figures Thursday, was 3p off at 363. Thorn EMI and GEC were 10p and 8p lower respectively.

Banks fell as much as 10p after the base rate cuts but rallied to close between 5p and 7p down on the day with small demand seen in after hours trading, dealers said.

Gold shares closed quietly firm and after interim results, Hoover was 5p off but Johnson Matthey added 3p to 273 following nine months figures, dealers added.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.8290/8300	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2195/98	Canadian dollars
	2.3604/14	West German marks
	2.5895/5425	Dutch guilders
	1.8710/25	Swiss francs
	43.25/30	Belgian francs
	6.0170/0200	French francs
	1266.50/1267.50	Italian lire
	233.90/234.00	Japanese yen
	5.7800/20	Swedish crowns
	6.0050/70	Norwegian crowns
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6:55	Programme Preview
7:00	Local Competition Programme
8:00	News in Arabic
8:30	Arabic Series
9:30	Documentary
10:10	Arabic Play
11:00	News Summary

CHANNEL 6

6:00	French Programme
7:00	News in French
7:30	News in Hebrew
8:30	Foot Fit
9:30	Quincy
10:00	News in English
10:15	Movie of the Week: "To Chase a Million"

FOR FRIDAY

CHANNEL 3

10:00	Koran
10:30	Children's programme
11:00	Religious Programme
12:50	Forest Ranger
13:45	Barriers
14:15	Soccer
15:03	Play Guitar
16:35	CHIPS
17:50	Science and Life
18:00	Western Theatre
18:30	Feature Film
19:30	Religious Programme
20:00	News in Arabic
21:30	Arabic Series
22:00	Local Variety Programme
23:00	Arabic series
23:00	News in Arabic

CHANNEL 6

6:00	French Programme
7:00	News in French
7:30	News in Hebrew
8:30	Mary Tyler Moore Show
9:10	I remember Nelson
10:00	News in English
10:15	Flamenco Road

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7:00	Sign on
7:01	Morning Show
7:30	News Bulletin
7:40	Morning Show
10:00	News Summary
10:03	Pop Session
11:00	Signing off
12:00	News Headlines
12:03	Pop Session
13:00	News Summary
13:03	Pop Session
14:00	News

FOR FRIDAY

CHANNEL 3

14:10	Instrumentals
14:30	Now Music
15:00	Concert Hour
16:00	News Summary
16:03	Instrumentals
16:30	Old Favourites
17:00	Special Feature
17:30	Pop Session
18:00	News Summary
18:03	French way of Life
18:30	World of Arabian Music
19:00	News Desk
19:30	Music
20:30	Evening Show
21:00	News Summary
21:03	Evening Show
22:00	Close down

FOR FRIDAY

7:00	Sign on
7:01	Morning Show
7:30	News Bulletin
7:40	Morning Show
10:00	News Summary
10:03	Pop Session
11:00	Listeners' Choice
12:00	News Headlines
12:03	Friday Special
13:00	News Summary
13:03	Pop Session
14:00	News
14:10	Instrumentals
14:30	In Concert
15:00	Concert Hour
16:00	News Summary
16:03	Instrumentals
16:30	Old Favourites
17:00	Pop Session
18:00	News Summary
18:30	Top Twenty
19:00	News Desk
19:30	Country Music
20:30	Over a Cup of Tea
21:00	Jazz Hour
22:00	Close down

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04:00	Newsdesk
04:30	Classical Record Review
04:45	Financial News
04:55	Reflections
05:00	World News: 24 Hours News Summary
05:30	Twentieth Century Folk
05:45	The World Today
06:00	Newsdesk
06:30	Nature Notebook
06:40	The Farming World
07:00	World News: 24 Hours: News Summary
07:30	Marching and Waltzing
07:45	Network U.K.
08:00	World News: Reflections
08:15	Opera Gallery
08:30	John Peel 09:00 World News: British Press Review
09:15	The World Today
09:30	Financial News
09:40	Look Ahead
09:45	Rock Salad
10:00	Ploughman of the Moon
10:30	My Word!
11:00	World News: News about Britain
11:15	The Verse of Thomas Thorneley
11:30	Assignment
12:00	Radio Newsdesk
12:15	Top Twenty
12:45	

SPORTS ROUND-UP 13:00 WORLD NEWS: 24 HOURS: NEWS SUMMARY

13:30	Network U.K.
13:45	The Pleasure's Yours
14:30	Discovery
15:00	Radio Newsdesk
15:15	Outlook
16:00	World News: Commentary
16:15	Assignment
16:45	The World Today
17:00	World News: Meridian
17:40	Sports Round-up
18:00	World News: News about Britain
18:15	World Newsdesk
18:30	Animal, Vegetable or Mineral?
19:00	Outlook: News Summary
19:30	Stock Market Report
19:45	Report on Religion
20:00	World News: 24 Hours News Summary
20:30	A Jolly Good Show
21:15	Ulster Newsletter
21:20	In the Meantime
21:30	Business Matters
22:00	World News: 22:00 The World Today
22:25	Book Choice
22:30	Financial News: Reflections
22:45	Sports Round-up
23:00	World News: Commentary
23:15	Merchant Navy Programme
23:30	Meridian

SELECTED CHANGES FOR FRIDAY

05:30 The King of Instruments
07:30 Backtracking 8:30 Smash of the Day: The Navy Lark
11:15 In the Meantime 12:15 Jazz for the Asking
13:30 The Ages of Man
18:30 Musical Memories 20:30 The Reith Lectures 23:30 O. Henry

AMMAN AIRPORT

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ARRIVALS:	
8:00	Cairo (EA)
8:45	Cairo
8:55	Agaba
9:00	Damascus
9:30	Jeddah
9:40	Dhahran
9:45	Kuwait
9:45	Cairo
9:50	Ras Al Khaimah, Dubai
10:00	Doha, Bahrain
10:00	Beirut
10:25	Kuwait (AF)
11:05	Riyadh (SV)
11:30	Kuwait (KAC)
16:30	Cairo
16:55	London (BA)
17:00	Athens
17:25	London (BA)
17:30	London
17:45	New York, Vienna
18:00	Cairo
18:15	Amsterdam, Beirut (KLM)
19:30	Rome
20:30	Frankfurt (LH)
20:30	Beirut (MEA)
21:55	

DEPARTURES

3:15	Budapest
3:30	Cairo
6:15	Frankfurt (LH)
6:30	Damascus
6:45	Beirut
7:00	Agaba
9:00	Cairo (EA)
9:25	Beirut (MEA)
10:30	Rome
11:00	Amsterdam, New York
11:15	Athens
11:25	Madrid, Casablanca
11:30	Cairo
11:45	Geneva, Brussels
11:45	Geneva, Zurich (SR)
12:00	Paris, London
12:15	Riyadh (SV)
15:00	Agaba
16:30	Kuwait (KAC)
18:30	Beirut
19:00	Kuwait
20:15	Baghdad
20:30	Abu Dhabi, Dubai
22:45	Baghdad

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9:30	London (BA)
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11:10	Athens, Copenhagen
12:00	London
16:35	Medina, Jeddah (SV)
16:45	Tripoli
18:25	Kuwait (KAC)
18:50	Abu Dhabi
19:00	Kuwait
19:15	Riyadh (SV)
19:20	Bahrain, Doha
19:20	Dhahran
19:30	Jeddah
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SPORTS

England labours to a 4-0 win over N. Ireland

LONDON (R) — England, one of six seeded nations in the World Cup finals in Spain this summer, did little to enhance their claims to be ranked among soccer's elite when they laboured to a 4-0 win over Northern Ireland in the British Championship Tuesday night.

The winning margin was certainly flattering, two of their goals coming in the last six minutes. They had the boost of a goal in only 47 seconds by Bryan Robson but went on to make desperately hard work of beating a side boasting only three regular English first division players.

The Irish, who will also be carrying the British flag in Spain, were, at best, modest opposition. But only when Cyril Regis appeared on the scene midway through the second half did England begin to stretch their suspect defence.

The muscular Regis, making his first international appearance at senior level, played with some of the commitment which was noticeably lacking in most of his team mates.

With his first touch of the ball -- a header from skipper Kevin Keegan's cross -- he brought a flying save from the veteran Pat Jennings in the Irish goal and a few

minutes later he was denied his 20th goal of the season by a timely deflection by fullback Sammy Nelson.

While England manager Ron Greenwood will at least be pleased to see his side score a few goals -- they had managed only two in their previous six matches -- his counterpart Billy Bingham will not sleep easy in his bed.

The Irish, who meet Spain Yugoslavia and Honduras in Group Five, lacked the spirit which carried them to the World Cup finals for the first time since 1958. The midfield skills of skipper Martin O'Neal and darting runs by Sammy McIlroy, which troubled a slow moving England defence, were all he had to savour on a bitterly cold night.

McEnroe leads Grand Prix standings

LONDON (R) — Grand Prix tennis standings after nine tournaments:

1. John McEnroe (U.S.)	475
2. John Sadri (U.S.)	310
3. Yannick Noah (France)	262
4. Johan Kriek (South Africa)	250
5. Andres Gomez (Ecuador)	247
6. Raul Ramirez (Mexico)	237
7. Jimmy Connors (U.S.)	210
8. Ivan Lendl (Czechoslovakia)	175
9. Sandy Mayer (U.S.)	172
10. Vitas Gerulaitis (U.S.)	170

England's opening goal before an Irishman had touched the ball was the only highlight of an appalling first half which produced only three shots on target. Robson turned the ball home from close in after Trevor Francis had outpaced two defenders.

England began the second half with a flourish and Keegan was left totally unmarked six metres out to head in another Francis cross.

Ray Wilkins scored their third in the 84th minute with a cracking drive which took a deflection off fullback Sammy Nelson and a minute later Glenn Hoddle, who again failed to put his tremendous talent to its best use, completed Northern Ireland's misery.

Boycott unlikely to stay with Yorkshire

SHEFFIELD, England (A.P.) — Geoff Boycott, the controversial England opening batsman, might have played his last match for his county cricket club Yorkshire.

The Yorkshire committee, which meets March 7, has been recommended not to renew his contract when it expires in September.

If such a recommendation were accepted, Boycott—who has made more test runs than any cricketer in history—would be unlikely to stay with his home county.

The recommendation has been made by a special subcommittee looking into the future of cricket in the county.

The other recommendations are that Yorkshire team manager Ray Illingworth should be asked to leave, or both men should be sacked, or the two should try to settle their differences.

It is understood that the majority of the committee believe Boycott should go.

The subcommittee was set up last September after Boycott and Illingworth clashed publicly following Boycott's criticism of the club for not selecting him.

France settles an old score with Italy

PARIS (R) — France settled a 62-year-old score when they beat Italy 2-0 in a World Cup warm-up soccer international here Tuesday night.

Led by their inspirational 26-year-old captain Michel Platini, who scored the opening goal in the 20th minute, France finally ended a jinx stretching back to 1920 when they last beat Italy in the Olympic Games in Belgium.

France, who meet England, Czechoslovakia and Kuwait in Group Four in Spain, put the typically defensive Italians under

almost incessant pressure and justice was done when substitute Daniel Bravo scored the second goal they so richly deserved five minutes from time.

Italy, preparing for their World Cup Group One clashes with Peru, Poland and Cameroon, defended well but never looked dangerous up front.

In contrast, the attack minded French, urged on by a frantic 45,000 capacity crowd at the Parc des Princes Stadium, could easily have doubled the scoreline.

Soviets, E. Germans joint favourites to win World Handball Championships

BONN (R) — The Soviet Union and East Germany, joint favourites to win the World Handball Championships, made a strong start in the opening matches Tuesday night.

The East Germans, 1980 Olympic champions, had little trouble in beating Japan 28-17 in Hamburg while the Soviet team were crushing Czechoslovakia 31-17 in Essen.

Champions and hosts West Germany made a less certain start against unfancied Kuwait in Essen. The West Germans achieved the somewhat flattering score of 24-10 with a late spurt after leading by only 7-4 at half-time.

Yugoslavia showed good form, running up the highest score of the night when they beat Cuba 38-21 in Goeppingen.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

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Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ K 10 6 5
♥ A J 10 4
♦ 10 4 3
♣ 6 3

EAST
♦ A 4 3
♥ K 9 7 5
♦ K 9 6 5 2
♣ J 9 8 7

SOUTH
♦ Q J 9 8
♥ Q 6 2
♦ A Q 8
♣ A Q 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♦ Pass
2 ♦ Pass 4 ♦ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♥.

Don't fret about the inevitable. Instead, see if you can derive some benefit from it.

This hand is from a team-of-four match. At both tables, a contract of four spades was reached after a one no trump opening bid and a Stayman inquiry. At both tables West attacked with the eight of hearts.

Both declarers realized that it was probably a short-suit lead. Therefore, East was marked with the king of hearts, and there was a great possibility that the defenders would score a heart ruff. Both declarers played a low heart from dummy, both Easts won the king and

returned a heart, taken on the table. Here the declarers parted ways.

One declarer led a trump from dummy. East grabbed the ace and gave his partner a heart ruff. West wisely exited with a club, and in the fullness of time he scored the setting trick with the king of diamonds.

The second declarer decided that there was no point in trying to prevent a heart ruff. Instead, he searched for a way that he might benefit from the fact that West would be on lead after ruffing the heart. He found a rather neat strip play that would depend on West having started with a doubleton trump in addition to his heart shortage. This distribution was against the odds, but it cost declarer nothing to try.

After winning the second heart in dummy, declarer took the club finesse. When it succeeded, he cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club on the table. Now he led a trump. East grabbed the ace to preserve the ruff, and returned a heart. West ruffed, but he was now in an unenviable position. Down to nothing but minor-suit cards, he could either yield a ruff-and-suff by exiting with a club, or lead a diamond in the hope that his partner held the queen. No matter which he chose, the contract was assured, for declarer would be able to get rid of his remaining diamond loser on dummy's long heart.

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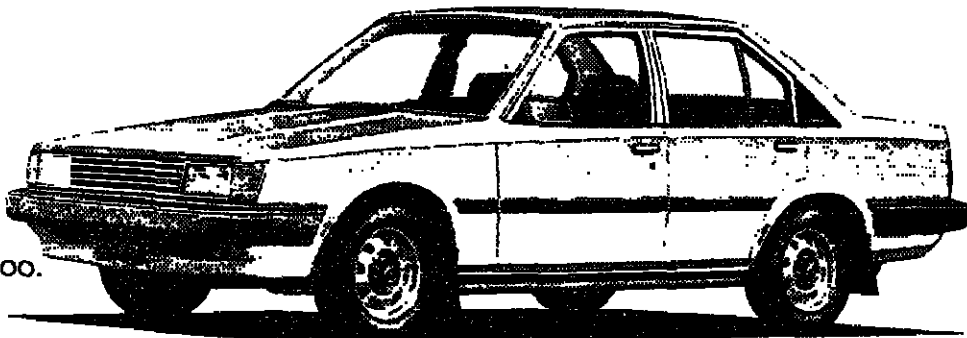
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Family planning in the Thai style

By Robert Woodward

BONN (R) — For many West Germans, Bangkok is a by-word for massage parlours and pretty girls, but for one West German aid organisation it is the centre for a novel approach to family planning.

Welshungerhilfe has pumped over 11 million marks (\$4.8 million) of aid into Thailand over the last 10 years including 6.6 million marks (\$2.8 million) to help the non-governmental Population and Development Agency (PDA).

PDA Director Mechai Viravajaya was in Bonn recently to explain his ways of "selling" birth control to the very traditional Thais.

"We have dissolved the taboo surrounding birth control in Thailand to such an extent that condoms are now accepted as part payment for taxis and restaurant meals," he said.

Tee shirts bearing the slogan "A condom a day keeps the doctor away" are produced by PDA under the "fertility" brand name which also distributes key rings with tags containing one condom and the instruction to "break glass in an emergency".

Mr. Mechai left the Thai development ministry 10 years ago to set up PDA, after becoming convinced that development would not work without simultaneous attempts to control population growth.

Some rural areas in Thailand have only one doctor for 110,000 inhabitants so Mr. Mechai now

trains villagers to carry out basic medication — and prescribe contraceptives.

Buddhist religious authorities show their support of family planning by sprinkling holy water on contraceptives and Thai postmen are encouraged to give planning advice on the doorstep.

Thais are introduced to family planning at an early age — when Mr. Mechai visits primary schools the children are encouraged to see who can blow up the largest condom without breaking it.

His evangelistic approach to birth control caused much offence in the early years but Mr. Mechai said Thais have gradually realised the PDA's interest in smaller families does not involve indirect interference in a couple's sex life.

Although three children are born every minute in Thailand, the PDA says the rate of growth in population has now fallen to an annual 1.8 per cent from 3.3 per cent in the early 1970s.

The PDA hopes the rate of growth will fall to 1.5 per cent in 1986 and reach zero in 50 years with the population stabilising at around 110 million.

Thailand's present population stands at 46 million people. 50 per cent of whom are under 15. About 3.5 million children are said to be involved in slave labour and another 55,000 die each year from illness or malnutrition.

Mr. Mechai said the root cause of Bangkok's image in the West as a city of brothels was the unbreakable cycle of poverty and over-population in the country districts.

Paris exhibit probes pre-history

PARIS — Europe, as it must have been between 1,500,000 and 100,000 years ago, is the subject of an exciting exhibition being held at Paris's "Musée de l'Homme" until April 30. Here we discover the present state of research which is gradually revealing the past of the human race. In this field, sci-

th, mainspring of this exhibition and a fervent organiser of international research work, briefly reminds us that the first hominids, who lived in eastern Africa more than five million years ago, preceded "homo habilis" who, having invented tools (the first form of creation) some two and a

half million years ago, appears to deserve the title "Man". This man then invented other things and began to explore the world. About one and a half million years ago, he settled in southern Europe and "colonised" it from the Channel Islands to Russia.

To enable the layman to follow this exciting itinerary, a little practical guide has been published, containing illustrations, maps and figures. It gives details of 84 sep-

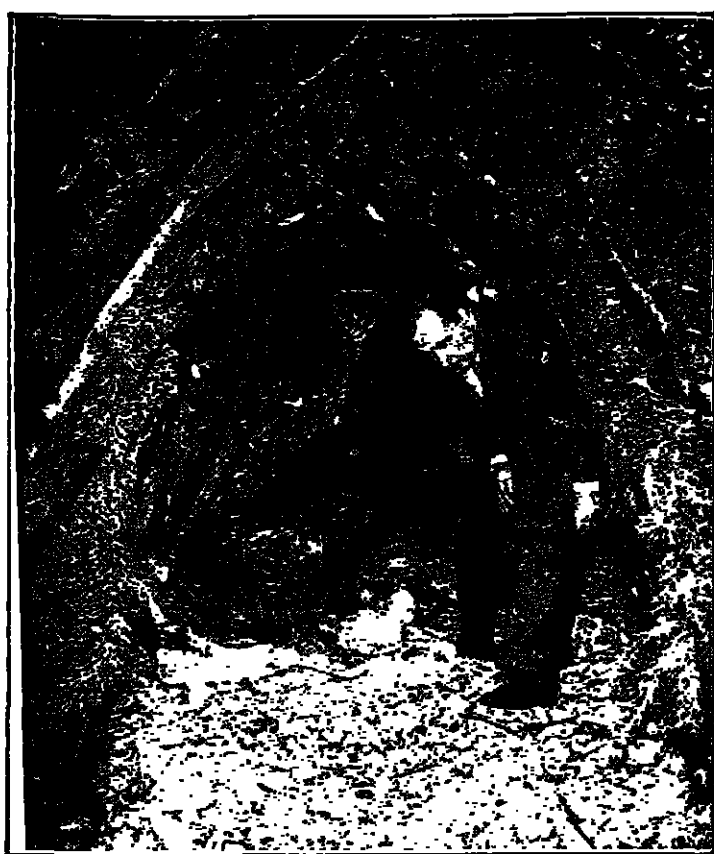
arate excavation sites but also links this information together to show the unity of the human march towards civilisation. The very important Azych grotto (USSR), discovered in 1960 and whose treasures have not yet all been classified, the grotto of Petralona (Greece) and those in Spain and Italy contain plenty of items to compare with what has already been brought to light (often inadvertently, when modern buildings are installed) in Hungary, England, Yugoslavia or Belgium.

France is particularly rich in relics and ancient remains. One of the most important was found at Tautavel, a village in the region of Perpignan, southern France; a big cave overlooking the valley was used as a refuge by hunters and the relics seem to date from 450,000

years ago. Here was found the famous skull from which Tautavel Man was reconstituted: he is the forerunner of Homo Sapiens. Other rich remains were found at Terra Amata, near Nice, recalling the epoch when the hill of Cimiez and Mont-Boron were hunting grounds for elephant trackers. Terra Amata is also one of the three places in Europe (the others are in Italy and Hungary) where fire was domesticated about 350,000 B.C., a decisive step in the advance of civilisation.

This little book, an almost inexhaustible source of information, surprise and pleasure, can be obtained at the "Musée de l'Homme", Palais de Chaillot, 75116 Paris, France.

— Radio France Internationale



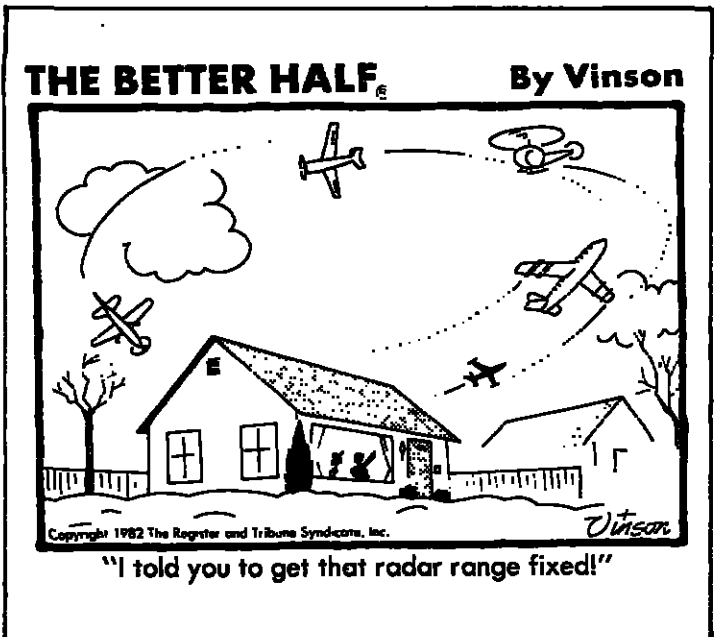
French President François Mitterrand takes a look at prehistory

entists of many different nationalities collaborate closely together, pooling their discoveries and their conclusions, so that the results will be complete and objective. Fourteen European countries have in fact participated in this exhibition, called "The first inhabitants of Europe."

Where did these first Europeans come from? Henry de Lumley, eminent professor at Paris's National Museum of Natural History,

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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 25, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Avoid an argument and don't walk or drive carelessly early in the day. Good aspects are in effect later and you can accomplish a great deal. Follow your hunches at this time.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't take the bait if a foe tries to argue about unimportant matters. You can express your skills now in a creative way.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You have some clever ways of getting home conditions improved, so put them in operation without delay.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Discuss new ideas with trusted allies and gain their support and advice. Express your talents in a positive manner.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) A good time to seize an opportunity that will provide you with more abundance in the days ahead.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Go after personal aims in a most direct way for best results. Plan time to improve your health and appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study a new plan that has great possibilities, since you are thinking along expansive lines. Engage in your favorite hobby tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Know what your personal goals are and go after them in a positive manner. Enjoy the company of good friends tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be sure to observe every rule and regulation that applies to you today, otherwise you could get into a lot of trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Handle any pressing affairs early in the day so that you have more time for pleasant activities later. Be logical.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make sure you finish regular duties before seeking entertainment. Show more enthusiasm when handling duties.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't argue with a pompous individual in the morning and then later you can come to a fine understanding.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Handle an irksome duty early in the day and then you can engage in new interests that will perk up your spirit.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be so dynamic that a firm restraint may have to be used, while showing affection at the same time. Be sure to compliment when good work is done. Don't neglect ethical training. Sports are a must here.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 26, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: There could be some unpleasant opposition by those who are unable to control their temper today. Keep in mind that a conciliatory attitude can prevent rows at this time.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get a good hold on your emotions today or they could lead you astray and cause trouble. Use caution in motion.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A friend is in a strange mood today and could prove most trying to you, but keep poised and this will pass. Relax tonight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Any public duties you have should be handled without delay. Don't neglect to pay your bills. Avoid a troublemaker.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You have new ideas on how to expand right now, but proceed with caution for best results. Be poised.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Attend to routine duties early in the day so you'll have time for more important things later. Make the evening a happy one.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) An associate could be in a bad mood so control your temper and avoid an argument. Establish better relations later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Be more alert to opportunities coming your way now. Take a more optimistic outlook on life. Show others you have wisdom.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Find new ways to put your creative talents to work. Strive to make life more satisfying. Take health treatments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If you control your temper at home today, harmony can be restored. Not a good time to engage in outside activities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't labor under any miscalculations or unpleasant results could follow. Obtain the data you need from the right place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Plan to save more money instead of spending it foolishly. Take time for thinking and planning about the future.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You may want to have a showdown with one you think has done you an injustice, but wait for a better time when tempers cool.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she may have to struggle to get ahead in life. Teach to be independent and to be more willing to work for what is desired, and to consider the feelings of others. Stress sportsmanship and honesty in your teachings.

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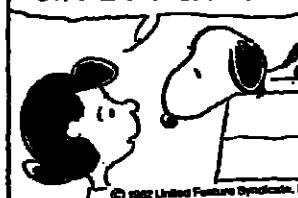
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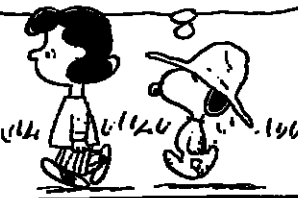
Yesterday's Jumbles: NOISE PATCH HINDER MAGNUM
Answer: What the handsome waiter managed to get all the girls to do—EAT OUT OF HIS HAND

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I NEED SOMEONE TO HELP ME SPADE MY GARDEN



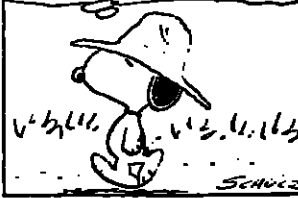
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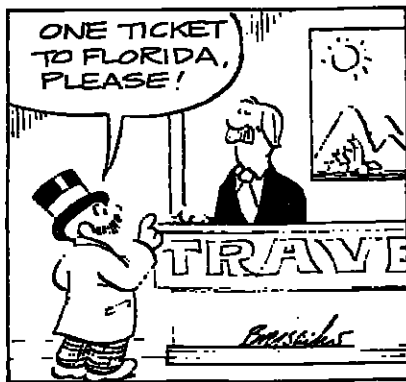
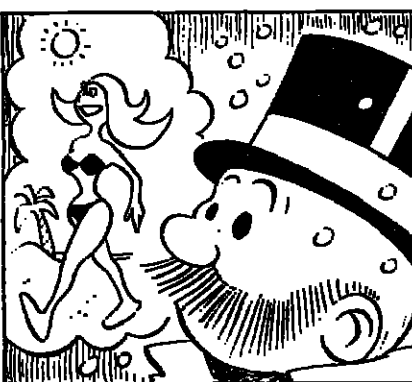
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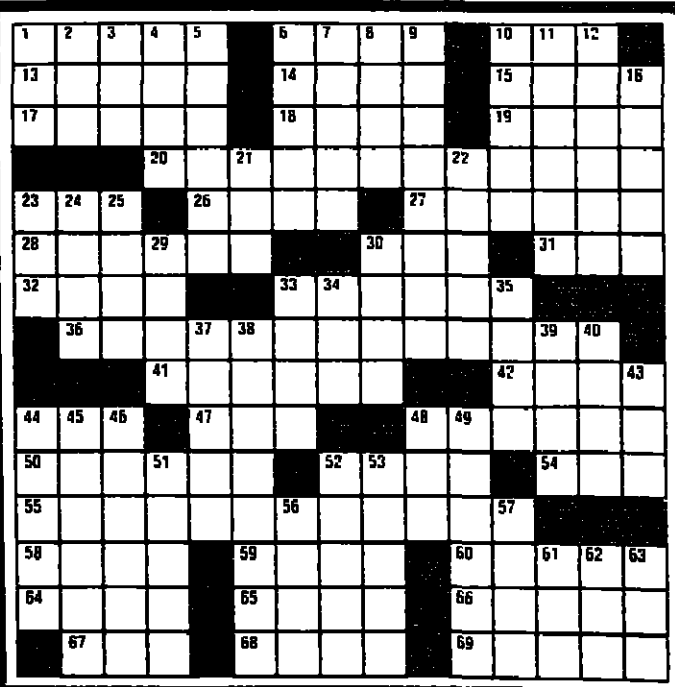
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THE Daily Crossword By Susan Mindell

ACROSS	27 From what place	52 On — with (equal to)	16 Kitchen gadget
1 Solo	28 Payment for lodgings	54 High note	21 Buddy
6 Deer	30 — de Janeiro	55 Topical favorite	22 Entire
10 Collide	31 Weight of India	58 Chimney pipe	23 Supply weapons
13 Sadness	32 Naval officer	59 Dandelion	24 At hand
14 Jason's ship	33 Scarab	60 Sidestep	25 Against
15 Energy source: abbr.	36 Topical message	64 Weights for wool	29 Camping shelter
17 Pierce	41 Walk stealthily	65 Big bird: var.	30 Network of nerves
18 "You're putting —!"	42 Catch	66 Male singer	33 Target
19 — de	44 Depot: abbr.	67 Seine	35 Long periods of time
20 Topical message	47 Encountered	68 Legal paper	37 Hebrew letter
23 Collection of quotes	48 Shove rudely	69 Foe	38 Managed
26 Soviet news agency	50 More consecrated		39 Tardy

DOWN	1 Newspaper notices	43 Meadow
2 Chop off	3 Arena cheer	44 Arrow part
4 A Beery	5 Printing mistakes	46 Refer (to)
6 Hominy cereals	7 Certain cards	48 Talkative bird
8 Literary conflict	9 — the "Wind"	49 Showy
10 Color again	11 Strangers	51 That is
12 Threat		52 Concur
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		63 Attempt



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WORLD

S. African parliamentarians revolt against Premier Botha

CAPE TOWN (Agencies) — The ruling white-minority National Party faced its biggest crisis in 33 years Wednesday, as 22 members of its parliamentary caucus rebelled against Prime Minister P.W. Botha in a fight over his proposals to give a limited political role to non-whites.

The 22 party legislators voted against a motion of confidence in Mr. Botha, and the prime minister immediately threatened them with "disciplinary action" if they refused to consider. His threat was presumably taken to mean expulsion from the party.

The only previous split in the party since it took power 33 years ago in 1949, when four party legislators were thrown out in a similar fight over moderating the off-

icial policy of apartheid. A grim-faced Botha told reporters outside the caucus room that 100 members voted for him, 22 against and one abstained. Nineteen nationalist members of parliament were absent.

"I told them that they had until next Wednesday to reconsider, and also undertook to take them back as full members and without rancour," Mr. Botha said. "If they do not, the party will exercise the necessary disciplinary action."

If the 23 rebelling members, including the one who abstained, refused to back down, it was considered virtually certain they would be expelled from the National Party.

That would leave the nationalists with 119 seats in the

177-seat house. The minority Progressive Federal Party has 27 and the New Republic party eight. The nationalists won 131 seats in general elections nearly a year ago. They also hold 11 nominated seats.

This split between moderate and ultra-conservative factions in Mr. Botha's party has been an increasing threat since Mr. Botha became prime minister in 1978.

The conservatives, led by Transvaal Province party leader Andries Treurnicht, object to any significant change in the policy of apartheid, or racial separation, which has kept the white minority in control of South Africa.

The faction led by Mr. Botha would like to lift what it refers to as "hurtful" discrimination, eas-



Prime Minister P.W. Botha

ing at least the superficial aspects of race separation.

Some observers said they could not recall such a public display of division within the Nationalist Party, the political vehicle of the Dutch-descended Afrikaners, who have sought to maintain their unity as a people at any cost.

Media controversy erupts as Madrid trials resume

MADRID (R) — The tense court martial of the alleged leaders of Spain's abortive coup resumed Wednesday as a dispute over a newspaper editor's expulsion from the courtroom raged on in the press.

Spanish newspapers were divided over whether to support Pedro J. Ramirez, editor of the daily *Diario 16*, whose accreditation was suspended after the 32 officers on trial refused to appear in court in protest against an article published by his paper Tuesday, the troubled first anniversary of the putsch.

Police were still holding five of nine people detained Tuesday night after groups of ultra-rightists demonstrated and threw petrol bombs in central Madrid to mark the anniversary.

An unknown group called "23-F" (Feb. 23) claimed to have blown up the car of the socialist mayor of Alcalá de Henares, near Madrid. The bomb went off Wednesday as police were checking the car following an anonymous warning. No one was injured.

Some newspapers criticised the court for ordering Mr. Ramirez out, but others called *Diario 16* front-page article irresponsible. It said one of the officers on trial threatened to shoot his soldiers if they refused to follow him into the rebel-held parliament on the night of the coup attempt.

Diario 16 said the court had tried to restrict freedom of expression and the public's right to information, adding it would appeal to get its accreditation back.

The independent *El País* accused *Diario 16* of being "frivolous" in printing the article, but said the accreditation should be returned since those on trial were the defendants, not the journalists.

But the Catholic daily *Ya*, describing *Diario 16* as "stupid and inopportune to say the least," said it would not join in a campaign of solidarity. The conservative *ABC*, accusing *Diario 16* of irresponsibility, said any clash between the armed forces and the press could threaten the country's stability and should be avoided.

The court martial Wednesday heard written testimony from the only civilian on trial, Juan Garcia Carres, who denied advance knowledge of the coup attempt.

In other written testimony, the head of Catalonia's Socialist Party, Joan Raventós, denied he had discussed the formation of a military-led coalition government with Maj.-Gen. Alfonso Armada Comyn. Gen. Armada is accused to having plotted to head a government.

Mr. Garcia Carres' deposition said he had known Civil Guard Lt.-Col. Antonio Tejero for several years but that he knew nothing of the colonel's plan to seize parliament in an attempt to overthrow the civilian government.

Col. Tejero, facing 30 years in prison if convicted, led 288 Civil Guards in the storming of parliament and held the entire 350-member lower house and cabinet captive at gunpoint for 18 hours in the abortive coup attempt.

Kampala returns to normal after anti-Obote raid

NAIROBI (Agencies) — The Ugandan capital of Kampala returned to near normal activity Wednesday following Tuesday's eight-hour guerrilla attack which left the city looking like a ghost town.

Shops, offices, banks and embassies which were closed Tuesday because of the rocket and mortar attack opened for business Wednesday morning and traffic returned to Kampala's streets.

Residents reached by telephone from Nairobi said there was only "the normal routine sporadic gunfire" Tuesday night.

Ugandan army patrols continued to pick up anyone without proper identification, especially young men. One resident who lives near the Malire barracks—the target of the guerrilla attack—claimed armed soldiers beat and robbed civilians in the area during the night.

The attack which began early Tuesday morning was the biggest shooting spree in Kampala since guerrillas launched a campaign to topple President Milton Obote a

year ago. The guerrillas claim Mr. Obote rigged the December 1980 presidential election and have demanded new balloting.

The Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM), one of several guerrilla groups trying to oust President Obote, took credit for the attack. It claimed the soldiers in the Malire barracks fled and said UFM forces captured large quantities of arms.

Uganda Radio Wednesday morning reiterated the government's claim that the army had repulsed "an invasion" aimed at toppling Mr. Obote. The ministry of defence insisted that the guerrillas never entered the barracks.

The radio said two Ugandan soldiers and 67 guerrillas were killed in the fighting but unofficial sources placed the casualty figure at about 300.

In Dar Es Salaam, military sources said the last Tanzanian troops stationed in Uganda had left early this month, ending three years of stormy military involvement.

A 45,000-strong Tanzanian invasion force, backed by a motley

band of armed Ugandan exiles, fought the war which ended the murderous eight-year reign of dictator Idi Amin in 1979. The Tanzanians were gradually withdrawn.

The sources in Dar Es Salaam said that a training battalion of 800 soldiers stationed at Entebbe, south of Kampala on the shore of Lake Victoria, had returned home. They left behind only a Tanzanian military attaché and a few officers to wind up affairs.

There was no official announcement on the Tanzanians' departure either in Tanzania or Uganda.

Echoing a series of earlier statements by Dr. Obote's government, Uganda Radio described the guerrillas as bandits lacking the support of the people.

But in Nairobi, triumphant Ugandan dissidents said the anti-Obote movement was gaining strength and military expertise.

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U.S. faces Vietnam-like defeat, Salvador rebel says

MOSCOW (A.P.) — The United States is facing another Vietnam-type defeat in El Salvador, a leader of that country's leftist guerrilla insurgents said in an interview released here Wednesday. "The situation that has emerged is similar to that in Vietnam in the early 1970s when the Saigon puppet troops failed to put up any serious resistance to the Vietnamese patriots," Shafic Jorge Handal

was quoted by TASS news agency as saying.

"The United States shouldered the brunt of the dirty war there. The same awaits it also in El Salvador. This gives rise to public concern in the United States and compels Washington to prepare for a direct intervention against my country behind the back of its own people," Mr. Handal asserted.

TASS said the interview was conducted by a Soviet journalist in Managua, Nicaragua, but it did not specify when. The U.S. government has accused Nicaragua of supplying weapons to the El Salvador insurgents.

Mr. Handal was described as a member of the United military-political leadership of the Far

abundo Martí National Liberation Front, which is battling the U.S.-backed junta in the Central American country.

"We have been in the offensive since last December," he said, claiming that Salvadorean "revolutionary fighters" were defending regions under their control and taking the military initiative.

OAU row flares up

ADDIS ABABA (R) — A row inside the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) over the decision to admit Polisario guerrillas to ministerial talks mounted Wednesday when three more countries decided to boycott the meeting.

Representatives from Djibouti, Niger and Tunisia walked out of the session, joining eight other countries which are boycotting the annual meeting of the OAU's council of ministers because of the issue.

The dispute flared on Monday when representatives of the self-styled Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) were admitted to the 50-nation OAU meeting.

The SADR was proclaimed seven years ago by the Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas who are fighting Morocco for control of the Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony.

The chairman of the talks, Foreign Minister Archie Moggie of Botswana, Wednesday welcomed the SADR to the talks for the first time as the OAU's 51st member.

A Polisario spokesman earlier hailed the SADR's admission as "a demonstration of Africa's maturity and wisdom and ability to solve its own problems."

But Moroccan officials said they would seek to have the admission overturned at the next OAU summit in Libya in June.

The SADR's admission led to a walkout Tuesday by Morocco, the Ivory Coast, Senegal, Sudan, Guinea, Zaire, Cameroon and the Central African Republic.

Kremlin repeats disarmament proposals

MOSCOW (A.P.) — The Soviet Union on Wednesday repeated its proposal for massive cuts in medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe to leave each side with "no more than 300 units" by 1990.

A front-page editorial in the Communist Party daily *Pravda* seemed to encourage Western European pressure on U.S. negotiators in Geneva to come to an agreement with the Soviets on East-West missile reductions.

Pravda said Soviet negotiators had suggested a "very big reduction" of medium-range nuclear systems — missiles and aircraft — during the Geneva talks.

"The USSR proposes that their current numbers be reduced by three or more times by 1990. Making a stage-by-stage advance to this goal, it would be possible within the next few years to reduce arsenals of the sides by one third and then go further," *Pravda* said.

The goal would be to limit each side to "no more than 300 units of such weapons at the end of the current decade — instead of approximately a thousand units on each side today," *Pravda* said.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev first proposed the two-thirds reduction of medium-range "nuclear means" in talks with a

visiting Western European socialist delegation Feb. 3.

The U.S. government immediately rejected the proposal, saying it would leave the Soviets with a major advantage of advanced SS-20 medium-range missiles already targeted on Europe.

NATO has voted to install 572 new U.S. Pershing II and Cruise missiles in Western Europe starting in late 1983 if Moscow doesn't dismantle its growing

force of SS-20s.

Western experts say the Soviets have already deployed 280 such missiles, each of which carries a triple nuclear warhead, and NATO has nothing comparable aimed at the Soviets.

Pravda said Moscow has demonstrated its "good will" by suggesting a mutual freeze on deployment of additional "medium-range means" during the period of the Geneva negotiations.

Haughey faces party caucus

DUBLIN (A.P.) — Former Prime Minister Charles Haughey was fighting for his political life Wednesday amid moves to oust him as leader of Fianna Fail, the biggest party in the Irish Republic, after failing to win a majority in last week's general election.

He faces a caucus Thursday of Fianna Fail's 81 members in the Dail, or Irish parliament, where his leadership will be challenged by former industry Minister Desmond O'Malley, 45.

Other possible contenders are George Colley, a longtime rival, and ex-Finance Minister Martin O'Donoghue, dumped by Mr. Haughey from the last Fianna Fail government two years ago.

Fianna Fail won 81 seats in last Thursday's election—two short of a majority—while Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald's Fine Gael-Labour Party coalition took 78 seats. The result was indecisive, leaving the balance of power in the 166-seat Dail 11th four independents and three members of the Marxist Sinn Féin Workers Party.

Mr. Haughey's party critics said 35 of the Fianna Fail deputies will support Mr. O'Malley in Thursday's caucus. Newspaper reports put the figure as high as 40.

Mr. Haughey can count on at least 25 solid supporters. The other 21 Fianna Fail deputies have not indicated how they will vote.

Atlanta suspect refutes prosecution testimony

ATLANTA (R) — Wayne Williams, testifying in his own defence, Tuesday launched a point-by-point rebuttal of the prosecution's case that he was the mass murderer who terrorised the black community of Atlanta for two years.

Mr. Williams, 23, was continuing testimony he began Monday when he took the witness stand and declared, "I haven't killed anybody. I haven't thought

about killing anybody and I don't plan on killing anybody."

The self-styled music promoter and free lance photographer is charged with murdering Jimmy Ray Payne and Nathaniel Cater but the prosecution has also introduced testimony accusing him of 10 other murders.

Mr. Williams said that one witness who testified against him, Ken Hindsman, had done so because he held a grudge against

him. Mr. Hindsman had testified that he had seen Mr. Williams with a victim.

Mr. Williams also denied he had once told music promoter Sharon Blakeley that he would confess to the murders if law enforcement officials showed him they had a convincing case against him.

He then disputed a police account of the circumstances surrounding his car being spotted moving slowly across an Atlanta river bridge early in the morning of May 22 last year. Officers heard a loud splash in the river which they thought might have been caused by a body.

While the officers had testified there was no other traffic on the bridge for several minutes before of after Mr. Williams was spotted, the defendant insisted there were at least two other cars in front of him at that time.

He also insisted on an alibi which FBI agents have testified could not be verified.

Mr. Williams has denied he was a homosexual or that he had ever held hands with Nathaniel Cater, that he had ever met Cater or Payne or had fondled a 15-year-old boy who testified for the prosecution.

Spy used Nixon dummy to escape from prison

LOS ANGELES (R) — Convicted spy Christopher Boyce said he used a dummy which looked like ex-President Richard Nixon as a decoy when he escaped from prison in January 1980, according to government documents released Tuesday.

Mr. Boyce, who was recaptured 19 months later, also said part of his escape plot was based on the film *Escape from Alcatraz*, according to the documents.

The documents were released after Mr. Boyce, already serving a 40-year sentence for selling details of U.S. satellite technology to the Soviet Union, was sentenced to an additional three years Tue-

day for his escape from prison at Lompoc, California.

Asked by U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence Lydick if he had anything to say before he was sentenced, Mr. Boyce, standing with his hands clasped behind his back, said: "No."

The government documents related an interview Mr. Boyce was said to have had with Inspector Larry Homenick, of the U.S. Marshal's Service, shortly after he was recaptured at Port Angeles, Washington State, on Aug. 21, 1980.

Mr. Boyce, 29, was quoted as saying he fashioned a dummy

which bore "a great likeness of Richard Nixon" to fool the guards.

Mr. Boyce was also quoted by Inspector Homenick as saying part of his escape was based on *Escape from Alcatraz*, which was shown in the prison and told of a man escaping from Alcatraz Island, in San Francisco Bay.

Mr. Boyce used a makeshift ladder to climb the three-metre prison fence, lived off berries and insects in the surrounding hills for a few days.

Mr. Boyce still faces charges of robbing two banks after he escaped.

The WEEKEND CROSSWORD

ONE-MAN LIBRARY
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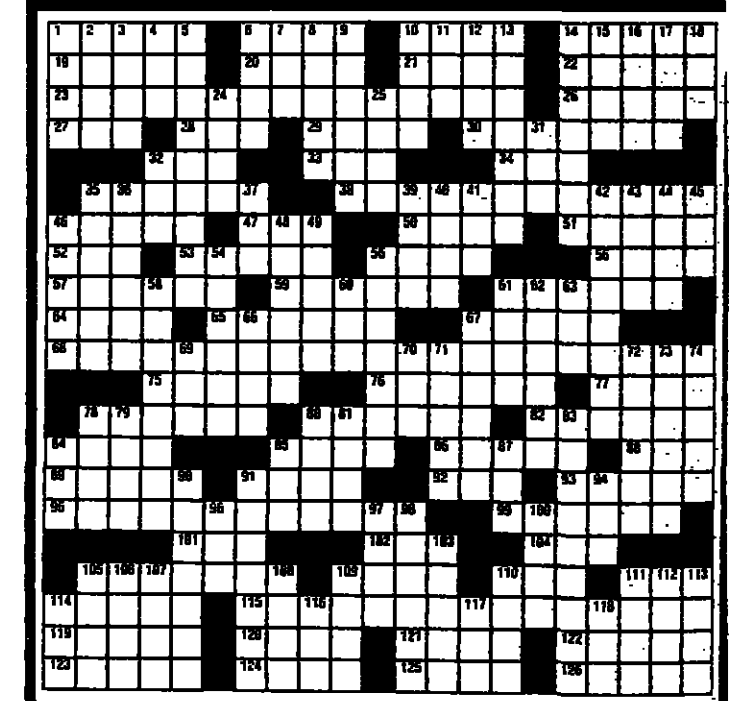
- ACROSS
1 Aquarum fish
2 Robin or wren
3 Domino
4 Carpenter
5 Item
6 General
7 NY canal
8 All right
9 Tanager
10 Playing card
11 Guy
12 Kinky
13 Calendar abbr.
14 And so forth
15 Time zone abbr.

- DOWN
1 Burt cloth
2 Pedagogical
3 Current
4 Crispin
5 Mark Twain
6 Where have you —?
7 A Gershwin
8 Crest
9 Joyce of "The Company"
10 Exploit
11 Public notices
12 Hit hard
13 Race official
14 Sumner
15 Formal
16 Procedure
17 Mild call
18 Strife

- 75 "are red..."
76 El — (city)
77 Paroled
78 At all times
79 Paroled
80 West
81 Language
82 Assembly of all members
83 Teasdale
84 Pull a boat
85 Ours
86 Gosh or Goshaw
87 Goshaw
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100 Goshaw

- 96 Removals
97 Caper's score
98 At all times
99 Paroled
100 West
101 Language
102 Assembly of all members
103 Teasdale
104 Pull a boat
105 Ours
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- Last Week's Cryptograms
1. Gambling turtles brag about their daring old shell game.
2. Science fiction fan thinks he's swallowed spaceship whale.
3. Small basket strap really liberated plump lady's big girdle.
4. Foreign student studies for test in "golfing-off."

Diagramless

- ACROSS
1 Draw — on (take aim at)
2 Caper
3 Reference
4 T.S., the poet
5 Antelope
6 Less riley
7 Hindu guitar
8 Chained
9 O'Brien or Moylan
10 Extend a subscription

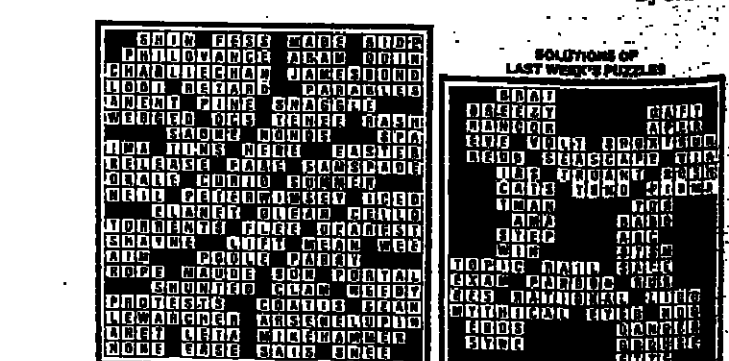
- DOWN
1 Hamlet and
2 Borge
3 13 Aspidochelone
4 Set, at a
5 "God's Little" —
6 Snapped
7 Before case or well
8 Foreplay
9 Answer to a knock
10 Stopped

- 22 Roddy the singer
23 Automaton
24 Majestic
25 Lustreous
26 Harangue
27 Sneepster
28 Cassini
29 Contend
30 Sign of things to come
31 Mother of Apollo

- 32 Middle-of-the-road
33 Get ready
34 Certain church
35 Devotion
36 Capital of Tasmania
37 Endless
38 He with horns and tail
39 Hag
40 Nerve network
41 Malt beverage
42 Belgian river

19 X 19, by Martha J. De Witt

- CRYPTOGRAMS
1. ZGRO WNSLAPW TUSOG LA WNSLAP RAM
TREW MUZA LA TREF RAWZHS R EBT
—By Linda M. Sperry
2. MUST U FASTER SUZE KNUZT, QUK SUFFLE
"MUQK" PR NOK PAEOLK —By Barbara J. Hagg
3. WAYTHL WSG WAYTHL WNDL NILOT WAYQTHS
SWAYTHLWCRY OG STRONG WNDL —By Len Sherry
4. CLIMS IZDIMS UCL OFMRU PIGGLE-ZIXXDDG
OXFACU "FUR I AIR PIG" —By G. Dink



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